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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES OF 1972
THE HUGHES-REBOZO INVESTIGATION, AND
RELATED MATTERS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 1973

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES,
Washington, D.C.

The Select Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 5:20 p.m. in room G-334, Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Present: Terry F. Lenzner and James Hamilton, assistant chief counsels; Marc Lackritz, assistant majority counsel; Howard Lieben-good, assistant minority counsel; Scott Armstrong, investigator; Wil-liam Bittman, counsel for Mr. Hunt.

TESTIMONY OF E. HOWARD HUNT

Mr. LENZNER. First, I want to say that this is a continuation of the last executive session we adjourned, and you are still under the oath that you took originally, Mr. Hunt; do you understand that?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir.

[The following testimony concerning the Hughes-Rebozo Investiga-tion and Related Matters is excerpted from the full executive session hearings of this date and of September 11, 12, and 13, 1973, which follow.]

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Mr. LENZNER. Are there any other entries, break-ins, or clandestine activities that you were involved in after you joined Mr. Colson's staff?

Mr. HUNT. Only the three of record. No, sir; none at all.

Mr. LENZNER. Were there any other activities that you were engaged in of the kind that you have described—DeMotte, the cables, the psy-chiatrist, Dita Beard—any other of those kinds of activities you did either on behalf of—well, on behalf of anybody from the time that you first—from June 1971?

Mr. HUNT. I don't recall any. Let me just check with counsel's memory.

Mr. BITTMAN. That actually took place?

Mr. LENZNER. Well, that were discussed or took place.

Mr. BITTMAN. If you are talking about the things that were dis-cussed, you had the Las Vegas thing that Hunt testified about. Things like that. But actually took place? No.

Mr. HUNT. My answer, following consultation with counsel, is "No."

Mr. LENZNER. All right. Well, let's go to Las Vegas, the so-called Greenspun safe. When did you first hear about that and from whom?

Mr. HUNT. I can't tell you with any precision when I first heard about it. It would be in the spring of last year, of 1972, to the best of my recollection; very early spring, or very late winter. And to the

best of my recollection, Mr. Robert Bennett who has been my employer, called me into his office and indicated that through his sources in Las Vegas—and he was a frequent visitor up to Las Vegas and to Los Angeles himself in his representation of the Hughes' interest, they being a client of my firm—and he had picked up a rumor in Las Vegas to the effect that Hank Greenspun had been rumored to say—indicated that through his sources in Las Vegas, he had heard that Hank Greenspun was rumored to have said he “had enough information on Muskie—” and I hope I am quoting correctly; I have testified to this on numerous occasions before—“to blow Muskie out of the water.” Now, this was in the context of Muskie's candidacy being a viable one at that particular time, so that would give you a timeframe on it. And, accordingly, when Mr. Bennett had delivered himself to this information, I typed up a brief memorandum for Mr. Liddy, who was then across the street at 1701, and passed it to him either at lunch or when he came over to see me in the evening as he frequently did. And that was phase 1 of that.

Phase 2 begins when, a very few days later, just a couple of days later, Mr. Bennett invited me into his office and introduced me to the man whom he said was the chief of Hughes security force, or staff, and was in town at this time in connection with the Clifford Irving affair, and also to see the Intertel people. The man's name was Ralph Winte. He was an ex-FBI agent. And we very quickly went into the rumor that Greenspun had some information, the source of it, whether it was in his mind or not. The source and shape of it was never specified at any time.

Mr. LENZNER. The nature of it?

Mr. HUNT. No, I mean whether it was a document or whether it was a tape recording, or whether it was something that Mr. Greenspun was retaining in his memory. This was never specified at all.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it referred to in any way so that you knew how it would be damaging to Senator Muskie?

Mr. HUNT. No, that was it. That was the interest in it.

Mr. LENZNER. You didn't know whether it was tax returns or pictures or—

Mr. HUNT. Absolutely, no. No idea.

Mr. LENZNER. Sexual problems?

Mr. HUNT. No, just the bald statement that he was alleged to have said that he “had enough on Muskie to blow him out of the water.” I gather that he was hostile to Muskie as a Presidential contender. And Liddy, of course, was interested in this information. So, I conferred with Ralph Winte for awhile. I think the phrase used by either him or Mr. Bennett, was: “Well, here is an instance in which we might have a commonality of interests.”

I knew, of course, that there was an ongoing struggle in Las Vegas between the Hughes empire and the recently discharged employee, Robert Maheu, M-a-h-e-u, who I understand was in league with Hank Greenspun. These things I picked up collaterally in the Mullen office. I had no particular interest in the affair.

And I agreed that it would be very interesting if the Republicans could get ahold of this kind of information. I knew that Mr. Winte was a man, who, in effect, gave instructions to Intertel, which is a

large private investigatory organization. And I assumed he would pursue efforts to obtain information on this rumor through possibly any and all sources available to him in Nevada. It so happened that Liddy and I would be traveling out to the west coast within 10 days or 2 weeks, and I told Winte that I expected to be out in Los Angeles at that time, and if he picked up any further information, he might let me know. He gave me his business card and his office number. And the time came within 10 days or 2 weeks or so, maybe even a little longer, when Liddy and I flew out to the west coast and I invited Mr. Winte to come up to our room, and I introduced Mr. Liddy under his pseudonym and Liddy said that he had been an FBI agent like Winte, and they played "who-do-you-know?" which I thought was a little dangerous because Mr. Liddy was traveling under an assumed name. In any event, I don't think they really knew anybody except J. Edgar Hoover. And Mr. Winte indicated that there had been no hard information developed on the rumor and they played "who-do-you-know?" a little while longer. I think shortly after—and to the best of my recollection, the interview terminated at that juncture—and I think shortly thereafter Senator Muskie announced his withdrawal from the race, so that mooted the entire thing.

Mr. LENZNER. You never did a surveillance or went to Las Vegas?

Mr. HUNT. Oh, no, sir. No, no.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the purpose of the trip to the coast?

Mr. HUNT. I can't recall what the purpose was at that time. It could have been in connection with the San Diego affair.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In the hotel, did you register as being from Hughes Tool? Were they paying the bills?

Mr. HUNT. No; what happened—there was a leased line between Mullen Co. and Hughes Tool for certain hours of the day—Hughes Tool in Los Angeles. When Mr. Liddy and I knew we were going out there, I just simply asked the secretary that when the hour comes on to talk to Hughes Tool in Los Angeles, just ask to make a reservation for us, that is all. It was just a question of a free phone call.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss this incident with Mr. Colson at any time?

Mr. HUNT. I have no recollection of it; no, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. It is something he would have been interested in if you had been able to obtain adverse information.

Mr. HUNT. Well, at that time I was so involved with Liddy that my contacts with Colson were actually just brush calls, just brush contacts in the corridor when I would be in the White House. I was no longer reporting to him as of that period.

Mr. LIEBENGOD. Who was paying you during that period? How were you getting paid during that period?

Mr. HUNT. I was getting paid as I always had been, well, for the work I had performed for the White House. As I said, the Vietnam papers thing was an ongoing thing. I would just submit a voucher to Mrs. Hall for whatever hours I put in during the week, and I would get a check eventually. And finally the time came when I was doing so little that I never bothered to.

Mr. LIEBENGOD. To submit a voucher?

Mr. HUNT. To submit a voucher. That is right.

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Mr. ARMSTRONG. What was the purpose of your trip in January of 1972?

Mr. HUNT. I am sure from that date that that was exclusively concerning the San Diego site or the forthcoming Republican convention.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was that the occasion of the contact with Mr.—what was his name?—Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. I don't know. We were out there pretty frequently. I wouldn't think that that was it. I think the contact with Mr. Winte came later. If we could find out, for example, when Senator Muskie withdrew, we would know when the cutoff point was.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Well, on that occasion you were registered as being—Mr. Liddy was registered—Mr. Leonard was registered as being from Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. HUNT. Well, this was probably not the only occasion when we used that leased wire.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. To make arrangements?

Mr. HUNT. Yes. Let me say this; we always got better accommodations when Hughes Tool made accommodations for us.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. You were back out there again February 19 or February 17, 1972. Do you recall the specifics?

Mr. HUNT. I don't recall the specific purpose, no, sir. There was at least one occasion when Mr. Liddy told me that he had to go out to California and would I like to come along for the ride—expenses paid. And I said, "Sure." That might have been the time.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Are you aware of anyone that has done any clandestine work for the Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, other than Intertel.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Other than Intertel in their paid capacity?

Mr. HUNT. I wouldn't know of any, no, sir.

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EXCERPTS FROM HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1973

Present: Terry Lenzner, assistant chief counsel; Scott Armstrong, investigator; and H. William Shure, assistant minority counsel; Sidney Sachs, counsel for Mr. Hunt.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was Mr. Morton Jackson aware of the nature of your business with Mr. Winte in Los Angeles?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Or the fact that you had business with Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. No. I had no business with Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Had you projected business with Hughes Tool Co., that is had you hoped to do business with Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. I do not know that I did. I think that is a premise I would object to.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Well, consulting with the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. I would again reject that assumption, Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. SHURE. Do you have any relationship with the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. I had been introduced to Mr. Winte, who is the chief security officer for the Hughes Tool Co. I had some conversation with him.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I would like to turn to those now. At the time you were in California in 1972, did you have reason to be in Ontario or San Pedro, Calif.?

Mr. HUNT. I was never in either place.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you recall if Mr. Liddy had been?

Mr. HUNT. San Diego, did you say?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. San Pedro.

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. SHURE. Was he in San Diego?

Mr. HUNT. Sure.

Mr. SHURE. What for?

Mr. HUNT. Surveying the convention site.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. We covered that yesterday morning. You missed that. What was the first occasion in which you had a discussion with Mr. Bennett or anyone else about the Hughes Tool Co.'s relationship with the Nixon administration?

Mr. HUNT. I do not recall that I ever engaged in such a conversation.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What was the first conversation you had with Mr. Bennett about the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Armstrong, I cannot put any date on that. I would have to answer in this fashion: When Mr. Bennett joined the firm, it was noted to me he was bringing into the firm the Hughes Tool Co. account. I do not recall any specific conversation with him about it. I knew that we had some special equipment installed in the office, such as a teleprinter and so forth, for which the Hughes Tool Co. was billed. I knew that he was the account executive for Hughes Tool Co., but beyond that I do not recall any particular conversations.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have discussions with Mr. Bennett regarding the problems that Hughes Tool Co. was having with the recently departed Robert Maheu and some of the management difficulties that resulted under his stewardship?

Mr. HUNT. I recall that only in the context of the Clifford Irving forgery.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And no further discussions about any of Mr. Maheu's other activities?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have any discussions along those lines with Mr. Colson?

Mr. HUNT. I do not recall any; no.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have discussions with Mr. Bennett regarding any memorandums that Mr. Maheu or any other individual in Mr. Maheu's employ had removed from the Hughes Tool Co. and had subsequently given to Mr. Hank Greenspun?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have any such discussions with Mr. Colson?

Mr. HUNT. Not to the best of my recollection.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Can you relate to us the context in which you met Mr. Ralph Winte?

Mr. HUNT. There came a time when Mr. Robert Bennett informed me that there was a rumor going around Las Vegas to the effect that

Hank Greenspun, a publisher there, had been rumored to say that he had enough information on Senator Muskie to "blow him out of the water." I passed this information along, I believe in brief memorandum form, to Gordon Liddy, who was then at CREP, and he came over to my office on one occasion shortly thereafter and indicated there was a great deal of interest in that and it would be nice if an entry could be made.

I mentioned this to Mr. Bennett and within a fairly short time—2 weeks—he invited me into his office and introduced me to Ralph Winte, who he described to me as the man who handled the Intertel account. The purpose of Mr. Winte's presence being in the office was a winding up of some of the aspects of the Clifford Irving-Howard Hughes controversy.

At that point Mr. Winte, Mr. Bennett, and I again discussed the rumor, or rather, Mr. Winte was made aware of the rumor I believe for the first time, and it was suggested by Mr. Bennett and/or me that through Mr. Winte's capabilities—Intertel in Las Vegas, among others—he might be able to obtain some sort of substantiation for this allegation. We exchanged business cards. He agreed to look into it.

Subsequently, within another period of about 2 weeks when Mr. Liddy and I were traveling on the west coast, I got in touch with Winte at his office in the Hughes Tool Co. and he came to our suite in the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and we had a fairly brief conversation. At that time he indicated there had been no further substantiation of the rumor, of the allegation.

I think at that period it was quite evident that Muskie was about to bow out, so we did not pursue the matter any further.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there ever discussion of a forced entry into Mr. Greenspun's office?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, that I am aware of, although Mr. Liddy and Mr. Winte were not always within earshot. Nobody knew at this point what this type of information was, whether Mr. Greenspun was carrying this around in his head or what it was. It was a very vague sort of thing.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. There was never any discussion of any documents in his safe?

Mr. HUNT. No discussion of any safe at all. I do not think it had been established there was a safe.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there anybody else present at your meeting with Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. I do not believe so.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. On the second occasion, how was this meeting arranged?

Mr. HUNT. The second one?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Yes, sir; in California.

Mr. HUNT. I notified Mr. Winte in advance that I would be out there on such-and-such a day—by telephone—and when I did get out there I simply called him at a private number he had given me and said I was there and gave him the room number of our room, and I think he met Mr. Liddy at that point for the one and only time.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I believe on a previous occasion you testified Liddy and Mr. Winte exchanged "who-do-you-know's."

Mr. HUNT. In the Bureau, yes. I thought that was a little unwise, because to the best of my recollection I thought Mr. Liddy was out there under a pseudonym.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What was the purpose of this trip?

Mr. HUNT. I do not recall.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was it to consult with Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. No, the Winte consultation was a by-product of the trip.

The suggestion has been made in the past, and I cannot recall whether it was before this body or before the grand jury, that possibly the source of the information will be Mr. Liddy—Mr. Liddy came to me with the allegation of the rumor in Las Vegas and that he explored that with Mr. Bennett.

My recollection is to the contrary, that I got—Mr. Bennett passed the alleged rumor to me. I referred it to Mr. Liddy, who then came back to me and I explored it further on a subsequent occasion with Mr. Bennett and Mr. Winte.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. But do you say there was no discussion of any forced entry into the premises of the Greenspun offices in Los Angeles?

Mr. HUNT. I say that, yes, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. There was no discussion about the type of plan necessary to achieve a forced entry or any other sort of surreptitious entry into the premises, including transportation out of Las Vegas and including arrangements and local reconnaissance while in Las Vegas?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And there was no specific suggestions made that the north air terminal—I believe it is the north air terminal—and the small air terminal in Las Vegas should be used?

Mr. HUNT. I am not familiar with it. I did not know but what Las Vegas had but one airport. I have never been in Las Vegas.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. There was no discussion with Mr. Bennett or Liddy at any time regarding the use of Hughes aircraft for transportation out of the country subject to any project?

Mr. HUNT. I recall Mr. Liddy on one occasion, I believe it was after Winte had left us, saying would it not be great to get one of those Hughes executive jets to whip us around, I would not mind a trip to Vegas myself, words to that effect.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. But there were no other suggestions?

Mr. HUNT. I do not—

Mr. ARMSTRONG. No suggestions—whatever crew would be necessary for whatever project might be planned could leave Las Vegas in an expeditious manner by Hughes transportation?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. HUNT. For the record, I would like to interject that I have been questioned about and heard it alleged on several occasions, both in executive sessions and in the press, that Mr. Liddy is alleged to have made a trip to Las Vegas, one or more trips, and did I have any knowledge of this. I would like to state that I have no knowledge of any trips he may have made to Las Vegas.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was any portion of the time you met with Mr. Winte in Los Angeles—you say you met in your hotel room?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, in our suite.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Beverly Wilshire?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any time when you were not present when Mr. Winte and Mr. Liddy conversed?

Mr. HUNT. They were out of earshot for a while. I believe I was calling a lady—I moved to another portion of the room and placed a call to a lady about a date.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I see no point in pursuing this area. This frankly completely baffles me.

Mr. SHURE. How many times did you meet with Mr. Winte—once when Mr. Bennett introduced him to you and once out in California when you and Mr. Liddy were there and came over and had breakfast with you. Did he have breakfast in your room?

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Liddy did not have breakfast with us. He came after we had had breakfast.

Mr. SHURE. This one was at the Beverly Wilshire, not the Beverly Hilton?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Back on the record. If Mr. Bennett and Mr. Winte were to testify to the fact conversations took place in their presence in which discussion was made of a forced entry, the idea being initiated by you, and it was discussed in some detail as a desirable plan and it was an attempt to initiate some feeling for what interest the Hughes Tool Co. or the Summa Corp., I do not know its name at that time, but that organization's interest in such an entry, would their testimony be accurate or false?

Mr. SACHS. I really object to that question. I would hope you would not ask Mr. Hunt to characterize the testimony of somebody else. If you want to, I suppose you can, but it is obvious, I suppose, that his testimony is that he does not recollect all that.

Mr. SHURE. Frankly, I think we are doing Mr. Hunt a favor by asking the question. If you do not want us to pursue the question any further, fine, but frankly, I think we are doing him a favor, and that is exactly what I told Frank when you stepped out of the room.

Mr. HUNT. I would have to say that in view of what I have seen of Summa, the allegations Mr. Bennett has made concerning me in the past 14- or 15-month period, I would have to characterize it as gross exaggeration.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Can you tell us what, in fact, would be an accurate portrayal of those discussions?

Mr. HUNT. That there was an initial discussion between Mr. Bennett and myself, the substance of which I conveyed to Mr. Liddy. I subsequently met with Mr. Bennett, and I am not sure at this point whether I brought Mr. Liddy over to talk to Mr. Bennett. That may have been the case. I may have brought Mr. Liddy and he certainly knew Mr. Bennett. It would have been nothing out of the way.

Then I met with Mr. Winte and asked if there were—or I met with him at least in Mr. Bennett's office and asked if he had means or the capacity, the capability through his Intertel contacts that were under contract to him, also through what I assumed to be a wide network

of informants in Las Vegas of the Hughes interests out there, whether or not the rumor that Greenspun had information or knew information about Muskie, had information that would "blow Muskie out of the water," could be substantiated or proved, and he agreed to look into it.

We then met at a subsequent date, Mr. Winte and I, in Los Angeles, Calif., and Mr. Winte had heard nothing further on the subject, although I believe a later inquiry on one or more of his employees in the Las Vegas area—I would think at about that time Muskie was a terminal case in the campaign and the matter was not further pursued. His viability was quote "suspect" at that point.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion of any illegal activity associated with ascertaining what Mr. Greenspun might know about Mr. Muskie or about any matter that might be embarrassing to the Republican administration—Nixon administration?

Mr. HUNT. Embarrassing to the Nixon administration?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Right.

Mr. HUNT. Let me say categorically, "No," on that. I would say this: In response to the first portion of your question, there could have been discussion of the type that you suggest. The reasons that militate against it in my own mind are the following: We did not know the form of the evidence, if any, that Mr. Greenspun had; in other words, on what he was basing this rumor, and it was no more than a rumor that had been reported that Hank Greenspun was alleged to have said that he had enough information to "blow Muskie out of the water."

Now, this did not say whether he had papers, checks, photostats—whether he knew about something. You have to know, before you plan an entry campaign—you have to know, such as we did certainly subsequent to Watergate—about documents. I do not recall that documents were ever mentioned. I never knew what kind of information Greenspun had. The rumor was never nailed down.

We could have conceivably spun off into a brainstorm session where somebody said, well, supposing there was a photograph of a birth certificate proving that Muskie was an illegitimate man; he would most likely keep that in a safe; where does he have the safe?—whether it is in his home or the office.

I do not recall it in that context, because it was never clarified. You do not plan a clandestine operation, an entry operation on the basis of a rumor as intangible as that.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you receive any information regarding Mr. Greenspun from anyone other than Mr. Bennett?

Mr. HUNT. To the best of my knowledge, no—well, unless Mr. Winte may have filled in some interstices on him that were meaningless to me.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you believe anyone other than Mr. Liddy on the substance of Mr. Bennett's initial communication to you—communication regarding Greenspun?

Mr. HUNT. Anyone other than Liddy?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Yes, sir.

Mr. HUNT. I do not believe so. I have no recollection of so doing.

I do recall sending him—I do recall sending a memorandum to Colson at one point, but I do not think that it was—it was some information that Bennett had passed to me that he got from the head

of the Hughes Tool Co. from a fellow named Bill Gay—possibly Colson.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did Mr. Colson have any input into the desirability of ascertaining what the nature of this information on Mr. Muskie might be?

Mr. HUNT. I do not recall any, no, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. To your knowledge, did Mr. Liddy share the information that you briefed him on, regarding Mr. Greenspun, with anyone else?

Mr. HUNT. I assume that he had told Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Why did you assume that?

Mr. HUNT. Well, because when he came back to me, he got back and said: "We have a very high-level interest in this matter; can we explore this a little more?"

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he characterize what type of interest there was, other than high-level interest?

Mr. HUNT. Well, it was interest in determining, first, was the rumor true, and second, could it be validated or authenticated?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he indicate any independent verification of the rumor?

Mr. HUNT. I had not thought of that possibility before. It seemed to me he may have. He may have indicated to me—I hate to put this all in the subjunctive—that he may very well have come back to me saying: "Yes, this fits in or jibes with some other information we have." I cannot be more definite than that, Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you at any time state to Mr. Bennett that you had an indication from the highest of sources that there was, in fact, information in Mr. Greenspun's possession on Senator Muskie—in addition there was other information which would be embarrassing to Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I will continue to ask the question in the sense of possibly refreshing your memory. Did Mr. Bennett ever ask what you meant by "information from the highest of sources" and you stated that you assumed it was a wiretap?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you ever speculate that the Attorney General had indicated a personal interest in this matter?

Mr. HUNT. I do not recall doing so with Mr. Bennett. I recall Mr. Winte—certainly Mr. Bennett had told me and I think Mr. Winte supported him. There were so many wiretaps going on around Las Vegas it was unsafe to use even the pay phones in the area there. I think that took place the first time I met Winte.

To go back to your first question, there was an echo of something there that I wanted to get at just before you continue.

[Reporter reads back.]

Mr. HUNT. That is the area that I wanted to discuss briefly, if I might. Mr. Bennett, in either Mr. Winte's presence or privately to me, had indicated that there was a great deal of interest on the part of the Hughes Tool Co. in Hank Greenspun as a political ally of Robert Maheu; that he was involved—in effect, Greenspun had been bought by Maheu and Greenspun was regarded by the Hughes Tool Co. as an

enemy, and then Bennett went on to indicate to me that the Hughes Tool Co. knew certain irregularities in which Greenspun had been involved, and possibly Maheu as well, involving the bribery of at least one judge in the State of Nevada, that this was information offered to me by Mr. Bennett, to indicate where the lines were drawn.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have a discussion with Mr. Bennett about the fact that Mr. Larry O'Brien was also a political ally of Mr. Maheu?

Mr. HUNT. I never knew that he was, no, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. When you talked with Mr. Winte, did you ask Mr. Winte if he was a Democrat or a Republican?

Mr. HUNT. I do not recall that, no, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would you have been interested in ascertaining what his political persuasion was?

Mr. HUNT. I might have at a later date on the basis of two meetings with him. No, it was more likely I asked Mr. Bennett what his political persuasion was.

Mr. SHURE. Whose political persuasion?

Mr. HUNT. Mr. White's political persuasion. I do not think I would have asked Mr. Winte directly.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. When you talked with Mr. Winte in Washington in Mr. Bennett's office, at that time did you indicate that you had information that—or did Mr. Bennett indicate that he had information that Mr. Greenspun had information on Muskie which would "blow him out of the water?" Did you or Mr. Bennett indicate to Mr. Winte that Mr. Greenspun had information on Muskie which would "blow Muskie out of the water?"

Mr. HUNT. To the best of my recollection, Mr. Bennett invited me into his office; I went in. He introduced me to Mr. Winte. He said: "We have been discussing that matter I took up with you the other day with Hank Greenspun," so I assumed they had been discussing it before I entered the room and we were all up to a state of equal knowledgeability on the thing, and I then went ahead and indicated my particular interest in it as being related to CREP.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did they indicate any interest in it other than yourself? Why were you talking with them?

Mr. HUNT. Well, Mr. Bennett was the one who had come up with the information initially. Mr. Bennett was a frequent visitor to Las Vegas. Mr. Winte was a man who controlled a private detective force in Las Vegas who had access to literally hundreds of Hughes Tool employees in Las Vegas.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What interest would Mr. Winte or Mr. Bennett have with the Committee To Re-Elect the President, or you individually, in ascertaining information on Senator Muskie?

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Bennett is a political activist. How many committees did he set up for the President—100.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Could that not be construed as an activist on the part of Mr. Hughes?

Mr. HUNT. It was not to reelect Mr. Hughes. Mr. Hughes had money. This was to pass money to the Nixon campaign.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I meant that in a sense that Mr. Hughes had an interest in contributing to President Nixon as discreetly as possible.

Mr. HUNT. I do not know that any Hughes money ever flowed through those channels. Mr. Bennett never represented himself as anything but a Republican activist.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I think we will have to come back to this area, but I would like to leave it for now.

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EXCERPTS FROM HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 1973

Present: Samuel Dash, chief counsel; Terry Lenzner, assistant chief counsel; H. William Shure, assistant minority counsel; Scott Armstrong and Michael Hershman, investigators; Sidney S. Sachs, counsel for Mr. Hunt.

Mr. SACHS. Mr. Lenzner, yesterday, toward the end of the questioning of Mr. Hunt, the discussion turned to some conversations between him and Mr. Winte and Mr. Liddy and Mr. Bennett—I think it was Mr. Liddy—respecting plans to break into the safe in the office of a Mr. Greenspun in Las Vegas. Mr. Hunt answered those questions, and then the session adjourned. When it adjourned, he asked to talk to me. He told me at that time—it was obvious that he had never discussed this subject matter before, and he told me at that time—that is, he told me after the adjournment yesterday—that the answers he had given were not accurate, that he had been asked similar questions by the grand jury in April of 1973 in a totally different context, at a time when he was under considerable strain, and there were leaks from the grand jury, and the subject matter was personally embarrassing to him. At that time he thought the matter was quite unimportant. And so he had then made denials of certain things. When the same subject matter came up yesterday, he, not having anticipated that it would come up, he and I not having discussed it, he gave the same answers as he had previously given. But I became aware during the conversation that contrary to his prior belief, it was a matter that was considered to be of some importance. And so we told Mr. Armstrong last night that we did want to correct the record, and would like the record to reflect a different story than it now does. I think that is essentially it.

Now, if we could go off the record for just a minute.

[Discussion off the record]

Mr. LENZNER. Back on the record. May I say Mr. Hunt has requested an opportunity to clarify the record from yesterday. Now we will have a clarification and then we will pursue the questioning. Why don't you go ahead and clarify the record now?

Mr. HUNT. As I said in prior testimony, there came a time when I learned from Mr. Robert Bennett, my employer then, that according to him, one Hank Greenspun, a Las Vegas publisher, had in his possession, or had knowledge of information concerning Senator Edmund Muskie which, if known, would "blow Muskie out of the water."

I passed this information to Mr. Gordon Liddy, who quickly returned to me in a euphoric state, indicating that the information had been well received by his superiors, whom I presumed to be Messrs. Magruder and/or Mitchell, and that one or more of them had instructed him to proceed with the investigation of this potential Las Vegas lead as soon as possible.

Mr. Liddy, having conveyed this request or order to me, indicated that it would be a marvelous opportunity for us to travel jointly to Las Vegas and spend a number of days and nights there under luxurious circumstances, the bill being paid for probably jointly by CREP and the Hughes Tool Co. And that as far as he was concerned would be the high point of the mission, we not having determined at that point whether or not the rumor concerning Mr. Greenspun's possession of the alleged information was factual or not.

Within a few days of my initial conversation with Mr. Liddy and Mr. Robert Bennett, I was invited into Mr. Bennett's office and introduced to Mr. Ralph Winte, who was represented to me as the chief of security for the Howard Hughes interests. I was given to understand that his presence in Washington at that time was coincidental, it being my understanding that he was in Washington to see Intertel in connection with the wrapup of the Clifford Irving forgery matter that involved the Hughes people.

Our identities having been made known to each other, Mr. Winte and I, to the best of my recollection, withdrew to my office, whereupon we began to discuss the possibility of a mutual interest between the Hughes Tool Co. and CREP in determining whether or not Mr. Greenspun did in fact possess the information that had been attributed to him.

Mr. Winte referred at length to the very involved problems that the Hughes empire was having with Mr. Robert Maheu and said, in effect, if it got down to the point where there needed to be an entry operation, that he felt that we could count on whatever assets they could provide.

We discussed, in what I would refer to as a brainstorming session, what this might consist of. First of all, Mr. Greenspun's office would have to be cased; there would have to be a determination made as to whether he had a safe. Mr. Winte's operatives would have to determine to the best of their ability whether the information that he allegedly possessed concerning Mr. Muskie had been reduced to documentary form and whether it was likely to have been held in his safe.

I discussed with him the location of the Greenspun publishing offices in terms of motels and hotels that might be used as observation or command posts. And he said that he felt that that would be no problem. And I indicated to him at that point that we would probably require a suite of substantial size, which he said would be no problem for him to obtain for us, as long as we needed it during the operation. And I indicated that, if possible, prior to our next meeting, I would very much appreciate his furnishing me, if he could, a diagram of the Greenspun publishing offices in Las Vegas, with particular emphasis on the location, if it could be determined, of any safe.

I might digress at this point to say that to my knowledge Mr. Winte was an FBI operative of many years' experience. We had no difficulty in communication when we talked about an entry operation, there was a total meeting of the minds. We knew what we were discussing. I did not have to say to him, "I want you to give me a diagram of the back alleys and the in-and-out routes" and so forth; we knew implicitly, as two exprofessionals, what we were talking about.

At that point I believe we exchanged cards and private telephone numbers. And he said he would either get back to me by phone as

soon as he had something, or I said that on the occasion of my next trip to Los Angeles I would get in touch with him at the Hughes Tool Co.

Subsequent to this meeting with Mr. Winte, I reported the details to Mr. Liddy, who was greatly encouraged over the progress made to date, and he would ask me from time to time whether I had heard anything further from Mr. Winte.

To the best of my recollection I heard nothing further from Mr. Winte until the time when Mr. Liddy and I traveled jointly to Los Angeles and took a suite at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel and I phoned Mr. Winte by prearrangement and invited him up to join us.

At that point we went over everything that had been discussed before. And Mr. Winte did produce a diagram of the ground offices of the Greenspun establishment in Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. Was the safe located on the diagram?

Mr. HUNT. To the best of my recollection, the diagram was deficient in that aspect. But I think that Mr. Winte indicated that he had information that if there were a safe, it would be in one of the back rooms, and he indicated on the diagram where it probably would be located. I don't recall that he specifically at that point determined that there was a safe there. I could be wrong on that. However, we did discuss—Liddy immediately went into the getaway plans, for Mr. Winte's benefit, principally. And this involved Mr. Liddy's asking Mr. Winte whether or not he thought an aircraft could be made available by the Hughes Co. And Mr. Winte indicated that he thought that it certainly could.

He wanted to know the purpose, and Mr. Liddy said: "Well, after the entry we want to make a fast getaway, and if we could have a waiting plane, that would be great. We could pull in at some airfield across the border, southern California, and make our ways separately back to the United States from that point." At which time we would examine what the take of the entry operation had been and divide it according to our mutual or common interest.

I believe that Mr. Winte indicated, when we got into a logistical matter involving the loan and cross-border utilization of the Hughes plane, he would have to receive authorization from a level well beyond himself. We did not encourage him to seek that authorization at that time, inasmuch as we had built a superstructure on a very shifting foundation at that point.

And we asked Mr. Winte, and I recall it, to further pursue the matter of the location of the safe, and also whether Mr. Greenspun was known to have a safe in his home in Las Vegas.

Mr. Liddy indicated to Mr. Winte that he, Mr. Liddy, might very well want to come to Las Vegas either alone or in my company to make a preliminary familiarization trip or run, and whether or not facilities could be made available to us on such an occasion.

Mr. Winte indicated that there would be no trouble in that regard, that we could be housed at one of half a dozen hotels. Mr. Winte, who was accepting all of our representations in good faith, indicated that he would get back to us as soon as he had any further developments to report.

Mr. DASH. When you were dealing with Mr. Winte, who were you representing at that point? Had you done it before?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. DASH. How was the contact made?

Mr. HUNT. Through Mr. Bennett, in Mr. Bennett's office.

Mr. DASH. Did Mr. Bennett indicate to him who Mr. Liddy was and his relationship to the committee and what relationship you had; in other words, who your sponsors were?

Mr. HUNT. I do not know what preliminary discussion Mr. Bennett may have had with Mr. Winte. By the time I was introduced to Mr. Winte by Mr. Bennett there had obviously been a prior conversation.

To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Winte perceived me to be an employee of or agent of high levels of the Republican Party or the Committee To Re-Elect the President. I was never more specific than that.

Now, when I introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Winte in Los Angeles, Calif., I indicated to Mr. Winte that Mr. Liddy, whom I identified as Mr. Larrimer, to the best of my recollection, was a former FBI agent who was now associated with me in the work that I had previously discussed with him in Mr. Bennett's office.

Mr. SHURE. What was Mr. Winte's interest in going into these matters?

Mr. HUNT. Because of the Maheu problem—do we have that on the record?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes. You said there was some mention of Maheu, and I was going to ask you what the relationship was between the safe and Maheu as indicated by Mr. Winte.

Mr. HUNT. I believe it was Mr. Winte's speculation that documents of great interest to the Hughes people would be kept on the same premises or in the same location as any documentary evidence or proof concerning Senator Muskie that might be of interest to Mr. Liddy and myself.

Mr. SHURE. What I do not understand, Mr. Hunt, is, when did you learn that?

Mr. HUNT. Learn what, sir?

Mr. SHURE. When did you learn that there might be information of interest to the Hughes people in Mr. Greenspun's safe?

Mr. HUNT. Only through Mr. Winte's representations.

Mr. SHURE. Why would you even ask him at the beginning? Why did you even commence discussions with Mr. Winte about going down to Los Angeles and breaking into Mr. Greenspun's office?

Mr. HUNT. Because of my prior conversation with Mr. Liddy.

Mr. SHURE. Did Mr. Liddy tell you to go talk to somebody about this thing from Hughes?

Mr. HUNT. When Mr. Bennett initially made the report to me concerning Senator Muskie, I believe he had just recently returned from Hughes Co. business in Las Vegas. And I knew that he was involved very heavily in the Hughes-Maheu legal dispute.

Mr. DASH. Maybe you can clarify this, and this may clarify the question. Is it your view, or would you say that it is your opinion, based on how this all came about, that Mr. Winte was interested and Mr. Bennett was giving you this information, that Mr. Winte, being

involved and concerned with the Maheu-Hughes suit, and having reason to believe that there might be some information very valuable to them in the safe, was looking actually for some opportunity to get into that safe, and wanted some sort of a compatriot group that might have an interest to get in for another reason; and Mr. Bennett came back with that information, having been out there, and what he was really giving you, knowing your interests were of a political nature, and Mr. Liddy's interest of a political nature, he was telling you about the possible existence of Muskie material that would "blow Muskie out of the water" if it was retained, which would obviously be of interest to Mr. Liddy's sponsors.

And if that was of interest, then there was a collective interest between Mr. Liddy's sponsors in sending you and Mr. Liddy out to do work that you were experts at doing, which would in consequence also get Mr. Winte and the Hughes people what they wanted?

Mr. HUNT. In retrospect, it sounds entirely logical to me, yes, sir.

Mr. DASH. I was just developing the fabric of a situation. Do you have any information to believe that that is how these things happened? I believe the question put to you by Mr. Shure raised the question that all Mr. Bennett discussed with you was the fact that there may be this very important Muskie material in the safe. There may be an interesting question as to why Mr. Bennett would believe or why you would believe that anybody associated with the Hughes people would lend themselves to a covert operation, a break-in, unless they themselves had a personal interest.

So was it Mr. Bennett who suggested that you talk to Mr. Winte, not just about getting luxurious space or opportunities in Las Vegas, but that Mr. Winte would be actually interested in providing you with the resources you might need and information to carry out your operation? Who suggested that Mr. Winte would be willing to do this?

Mr. HUNT. I would construe it along these lines, Mr. Dash, that by virtue of Mr. Bennett's having brought me into direct contact with Mr. Winte within a couple of days of his initially floating the substance of this alleged rumor to me, that he did so for a specific purpose, that is, to bring together two parties whom he conceived would have a mutual interest in an operation.

Mr. SHURE. That is a lot of assumptions on Mr. Bennett's part.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. My recollection is that you once told us that Mr. Bennett told you that you were going to have a commonality of interest—I think that was your term—with Mr. Winte. I think you told us that the last time you were down there.

Mr. HUNT. I may very well here. Whether it was my own concept, I do not know. This is my 22d appearance under oath before a group, and it is very difficult for me to get all aspects identical on each occasion. What I am trying to do now is re-create or to establish for you a situation that I have not previously testified to.

Mr. LENZNER. We did discuss this, though, one time before. My recollection is that you indicated that Mr. Bennett indicated that he thought that Mr. Winte would have a commonality of interest and suggested that you go see—that that was the purpose of your talking with—

Mr. DASH. In fairness to Mr. Hunt, why do you not find that?

Mr. LENZNER. Here it is. As a matter of fact, this is July 25. I was questioning you, as a matter of fact, about the information apparently that Mr. Greenspun had on Senator Muskie, and you said [reading]:

No, just the bald statement that he was alleged to have said that he "had enough on Muskie to blow him out of the water." I gather that he was hostile to Muskie as a Presidential contender, and Liddy, of course, was interested in this information. So I conferred with Ralph Winte for a while.

I think the phrase used by either him or Mr. Bennett, "Well, here is a matter in which we might have a commonality of interest."

Mr. HUNT. So it was Winte or Bennett; yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And the questioning that, I guess, Mr. Shure or Mr. Dash is trying to get at is, what focused you to seek assistance—what made you think that a Hughes enterprise or Hughes employee would have any interest at all in assisting in breaking into this safe?

Mr. HUNT. Because I knew for one reason that there was a great deal of hostility between all of the Hughes interests, including Mr. Hughes himself, and Hank Greenspun, and that anything that can be done against Mr. Greenspun would probably be welcomed by the Hughes people, and that, therefore, they would be undoubtedly disposed to help us in any anti-Greenspun effort.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. How did you know that there was animosity between Hughes and Greenspun?

Mr. HUNT. This has been a matter, I guess, of public knowledge, certainly of office discussion of Mr. Bennett, for some time.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did they indicate what the substance of the conflict was? Did you notice what the substance of the conflict was?

Mr. HUNT. As I understood it, or perceived it, it was that Mr. Maheu had—according to the Hughes official position, Mr. Maheu had in effect bought out or bought off Greenspun in connection with the lawsuit that was then in progress between Maheu and Hughes; that is to say, had made Mr. Greenspun become an ally of his—Maheu, in this legal litigation. That was one area.

There was something said also—and I believe I alluded to it yesterday, Mr. Armstrong—that was never quite clear to me, that Maheu, they said, had bought off one or more judges who might be sitting on the litigation that was then in progress, and that Greenspun had knowledge of this. And any discovery of this type of information would have been of obvious value to the Hughes interests in their legal contest with Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. You were led to believe that there was information that Greenspun had relating to Maheu's purchase of judges in Nevada, and that this information would be of assistance to the Hughes people?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any other information that you learned of that the Hughes people might have been interested in that Greenspun had in his possession?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. I still do not understand, frankly, how it would have helped the Hughes people to have a simple break-in of Greenspun's office to obtain political information on Senator Muskie.

Mr. HUNT. If they had reason to believe that Greenspun had this

other information involving Maheu in the same location, that would make sense to me.

Mr. LENZNER. And did you discuss that specifically with Mr. Bennett?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. What was his reaction to that?

Mr. HUNT. That in effect we had a commonality of interest.

Mr. DASH. What I am trying to get at, and I am still not sure, is, you did not know Winte before?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. DASH. And you undertook to have this kind of a discussion that led up to an awareness of the commonality of interest—even though there is a dispute between, say, the Hughes people and Maheu, and a lawsuit going.

I guess one does not assume as a general rule that the people in high industry or business, or representatives of the Hughes people would be open to a kind of bold discussion in terms of a break-in—at least one would be very careful before one would open up such a discussion with them, unless one was somewhat assured that he was the person that you could talk to for that. In other words, what information did you have, and from what source, that you could be candid with Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. Simply from Mr. Bennett's introduction, and his indicating to me that this was a man that I could talk to with total candor.

Mr. DASH. Total candor with respect to your plans and such things as break-ins?

Mr. HUNT. Such things as Mr. Liddy and I might have under discussion in terms of the information he had previously given to me, because I had come back at that point to Mr. Bennett and said, "Bury it."

I passed the information along to Liddy, "His principals are interested, and we would like to pursue it to the extent that we can."

Then Mr. Winte enters the scene, he was presented to me as the chief security man, as a man whom—again I cannot pin this down—with whom I might share a commonality of interest.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At the point where you were relating the sequence, I was not sure you were finished when Mr. Dash posed his first question. Was there anything additional?

Mr. HUNT. I was trying to recall on what basis we left the matter with Mr. Winte when we last saw him in that one meeting in the Beverly Wilshire.

To the best of my recollection, he was going to make arrangements for Mr. Liddy and myself to visit Las Vegas, on request or on demand, that he was going through his Intertel and private employee contacts in Las Vegas to improve upon the physical layout diagram that he had provided us, and he was going to do what he could in terms of tracking down again this alleged rumor to its source to see if there was any authenticity to it.

Unless I am mistaken, at that point the Muskie candidacy became moot, and there was no really valid reason from our point of view to pursue it.

But if you want to make a point of it, we did discuss at that meeting with Mr. Winte the use of the Hughes Tool Co. aircraft which would be ready and waiting following any entry operation.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And your understanding was that that aircraft would take you to California?

Mr. HUNT. To a point we indicated.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did it ever come up that it might take you to Central America?

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Liddy suggested that it might be Baja, Calif.—Mexico. I knew the area pretty well.

Mr. LENZNER. You said that Mr. Winte was going to go back and talk to some superiors and get approval. When did you next talk to Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. I do not recall that I talked to Mr. Winte again in respect to this. To the best of my recollection, the Muskie withdrawal was announced about that time and the thing, to my recollection, simply trailed off.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever talk to Bennett about it again?

Mr. HUNT. I must have, but I do not recall any specifics; it was just that I met Winte in California and we had an in-depth discussion of a possible operation, and we would see what matured from it.

Mr. LENZNER. And your impression, I take it, from the Winte meeting was that as far as he was concerned everything was go, but he had to get some other approval?

Mr. HUNT. That is right, that he was personally fully disposed, and he thought he could sell the idea to his superiors—he on his own authority could make all the necessary arrangements in the Las Vegas area. When it came to the problem of getting an executive jet as a getaway area, that is a matter he would have to take up with his superiors.

Mr. LENZNER. Let me ask you, what happened to the diagram that Winte supplied him?

Mr. HUNT. I think Mr. Liddy kept it.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you know where he kept it and what, if anything, happened to it?

Mr. HUNT. He just tucked it in his pocket.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. You did not keep a copy of that or of anything else that Mr. Winte provided you?

Mr. HUNT. That was the only thing he ever did provide me. It is conceivable that I had a copy of that in my White House safe—a Xerox copy. I think he showed up with a Xerox copy, and I think that he gave that Xerox copy to Mr. Liddy—with whom, by the way, I should state, we shared a common FBI background, and at the time, as I previously mentioned, I thought it was a little dangerous for Mr. Winte and Mr. Liddy to discuss people that they had jointly known in the FBI; I thought that was poor security practice. I do not think that Liddy ever saw him again, and to the best of my recollection, I never did.

But there was a diagram furnished us by Winte. I think that Liddy took the diagram and may have made a copy of it for me on his own Xerox machine, a copy which I may have kept in my White House safe.

I am very sorry to put it in the subjunctive all the time, but I have no specific recollection.

Mr. SHURE. Did you not just say that Mr. Winte took the diagram back to improve upon it?

Mr. HUNT. He provided us with a Xerox copy. He had an original in his hands.

Mr. SHURE. Would it not be fair to say that if you were not too serious about this, he was?

Mr. HUNT. Yes; very much so.

Mr. LENZNER. One thing I am confused on now. You say your original intent was to have a pleasant stay in Las Vegas. Now, why would you have dropped this effort at this point when you did go to the effort of getting a diagram, and making these arrangements, and meeting Winte, and of talking to him about a possible crime as far as you were concerned, and why did you cease your efforts to have this time spent in Las Vegas, if your real intent was not, in fact, to obtain this information from the safe?

Mr. HUNT. I would put it in this sense, to the best of my recollection, that the highly publicized withdrawal of Muskie would have left Mr. Liddy and myself without a rationale for engaging in an operation of that sort. At the same time, our efforts in other directions were increasing, or it may have just been a matter of time. I know that Liddy never suggested that we followup and go to Las Vegas together, and to the best of my recollection he never went alone, although I have seen testimony to the effect that he did visit Las Vegas. If he did, it was without my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. But he apparently indicated to Mr. McCord, or he has so testified, that Liddy did a surveillance of Las Vegas, and had requested this plane for Central America, not for Baja, Calif. But I am puzzled about that.

Mr. HUNT. May I just interject? I believe that Mr. McCord testified that in the month of April, May, or June Mr. Liddy made these statements to him, and made these trips, and so forth. As far as I was concerned, he was out of it, Liddy and I were out of it following the withdrawal of the Muskie candidacy, which took place in the month of February, possibly—was it February that Muskie gave over?

Mr. LENZNER. I do not think it was that early.

Mr. SHURE. It was late May when Muskie got out.

Mr. HUNT. Not until then?

Mr. SHURE. May.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. It was not until after the Florida and Wisconsin primaries.

Mr. SHURE. The Florida and Wisconsin primaries, he had to win one of those. The last primary was June 7, and the first was March 13, or something like that.

Mr. DASH. So there would have to be another reason, Mr. Hunt.

Mr. HUNT. You left me high and dry here. I simply have to say that I cannot answer that question because I do not know.

Mr. DASH. You do not know why you pursued—I think it is quite interesting and significant, because I can understand why you wanted to go off the record for the explanation you gave, and the fact that the ostensible purpose—the real purpose for the visit was, and I can

see how appealing it was. And everything was all going for you, plus the suite, and everything you wanted. There does not seem to be any logical reason why that was forsaken.

Mr. HUNT. This touches off a very deep buried recollection that Winte or Bennett had referred the matter finally to, I believe, Bill Gay, who was then the acting chief of the Hughes Tool interest. I am really resurrecting this, but I am quite sure of it. Bennett informed me that Gay had turned thumbs down on the operation, that he was approached in terms of the use of the executive jet, and he wanted to know more about it. I got this information from Mr. Bennett, that there would be no more cooperation from the Hughes Tool people.

Mr. DASH. Do you know about when this happened?

Mr. HUNT. I would place it at within 2 to 3 weeks of the time that Mr. Liddy and I met with Mr. Winte for the one and only time.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Just prior to informing you of that, he had returned from a trip to Los Angeles?

Mr. HUNT. I do not know. But it was at that time that Mr. Gay was in and out of our Mullen & Co. offices.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Back on the record. Mr. Hunt, I would like, if we could, to review in some detail the sequence of events, and if you can, as we go along, place them in time, not only with respect to the date, but any other contemporaneous events or any other events in the Mullen & Co. offices; that would certainly help us.

You stated, I believe, that the first mention you had of any material in Mr. Greenspun's possession that might be of interest to you or the Committee To Re-Elect the President or to the White House was from Mr. Bennett. Can you give us the context in which that statement was made?

Mr. HUNT. It was at approximately midmorning of a morning that I am unable to fix in time. Mr. Bennett's secretary buzzed me in my office, which was very close to his, and said Mr. Bennett would like to see me.

So I went in Mr. Bennett's office. And I believe he had recently returned from a trip either to LA or Las Vegas or both. I think that it was his custom to make two stops on a westbound or eastbound trip. At that point he indicated to me what I have already testified to, that he had picked up the allegation that there was a rumor in Las Vegas to the effect that Hank Greenspun had said that he had information which, if made public, would "blow Ed Muskie out of the water." I said that was very interesting.

He said: "I thought it might be. And you might want to pass it along to your friends."

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What was Mr. Bennett's understanding as to who your principal would be at that time?

Mr. HUNT. CREP—Gordon Liddy.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And he had met Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. On numerous occasions.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And Mr. Bennett was also aware of the close association with Mr. Colson?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would it have been his intent to exclude Mr. Colson from that?

Mr. HUNT. Conceivably. I did not so perceive it, because I was working almost exclusively with Mr. Liddy at that time, and he saw Mr. Liddy constantly in my office.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At that time, would Mr. Bennett have known to whom Mr. Liddy reported or that Mr. Liddy had responsibilities other than in the financial area?

Mr. HUNT. Other than the financial area, he would have known that Mr. Liddy was certainly involved in the interpretation of the new election reform law, which was not solely a financial matter. Implicitly he might have inferred from Mr. Liddy's and my intimate associations that Mr. Liddy had other functions which he performed, and which I was cooperating with him on.

Have I gotten away from your question?

Mr. SACHS. I do not know.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I believe that it was responsive to the question. Could you elaborate on in what context Mr. Bennett might have been aware of other responsibilities that you and Mr. Liddy shared?

Mr. HUNT. There came a time probably in late January of 1972 or early February when I told Mr. Bennett that I would be working much less for Mr. Colson, and that my time—the time that I had heretofore dedicated to the White House I would now be dedicating to a cooperative activity with Mr. Liddy, or cooperating with Mr. Liddy in his work for the committee, but that I would not be a formal employee of the committee.

I think that inferentially he would assume that because I was not to be a formal employee of the committee that I would, in effect, be a clandestine cooperator with Mr. Liddy, although I do not recall ever so specifying. It would have run somewhat against my normal practice to have made such a specific statement to Mr. Bennett.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At that time, was Mr. Bennett aware of any other relationships you might have with employees of Mullen & Co., or relatives of employees of Mullen & Co. that might have indicated that activity? For example, would he have been aware of your contact with his nephew, and especially with Mr. Gregory?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And at that time he was aware of the nature of some of the activities that you were conducting in conjunction with Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. Yes; he was. I had always assumed that Mr. Robert Fletcher, his nephew, kept Mr. Bennett apprised of what Mr. Gregory was doing for me.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. On some occasions was not Mr. Bennett also the liaison between you and Mr. Gregory through his nephew?

Mr. HUNT. I believe that he was; yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And transferred materials back and forth?

Mr. HUNT. Yes. Specifically Mr. Gregory's resignation on June 16, 1972. But prior to that time, I recall an instance when it was urgently necessary to reach Gregory at night. And to the best of my recollection, I called Mr. Bennett's home and asked him if he could help me in some fashion on locating Gregory.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Were there not also packages of materials which were transmitted in either direction?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, there were.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And could this have been as early as the period we are talking about when Mr. Bennett first discussed with you the material Mr. Greenspun had?

Mr. HUNT. The packages?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Yes, sir.

Mr. HUNT. I do not think so. To the best of my recollection, Mr. Gregory began active work for me at Muskie headquarters or about the first of March of that year. And I would relate my initial conversations about Hank Greenspun to him at an earlier period of time.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would Mr. Bennett have been aware of any of your activities associated with the Pentagon papers, those clandestine activities associated with the Pentagon papers?

Mr. HUNT. I do not think so.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Could he have been aware, perhaps not of the specifics, but the general nature, or of the fact that there were simply clandestine activities of some sort that you were working on for the White House?

Mr. HUNT. He could have drawn certain conclusions from the frequent presence in my office, both during and after working hours, of Bill Lambert, the Life individual, who had first made himself known to Mr. Bennett in connection with Life magazine's purchase of the Clifford Irving fabrication of the Howard Hughes biography; that is to say, Lambert came down to discuss with Bennett, as a Hughes representative, the Life magazine feeling that this was an authentic biography, and that after the legal determination had been made that the purported biography was in fact fraudulent, there would have been no reason for Mr. Lambert to continue to visit the Mullen & Co. office, unless to see me.

Mr. Bennett was also aware that Mr. Lambert had been a cooperator with Mr. Colson in a previous effort which involved then-Senator Tydings.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would Mr. Bennett have provided some of the information?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir; that he would have been aware that allegations had been publicly made that Lambert had been the tool through which Colson had surfaced certain stories unfavorable to Senator Tydings.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Bennett, in addition, would have been aware of your contact with Mr. DeMotte, which Mr. Colson was also aware of?

Mr. HUNT. Precisely.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And the nature of that contact?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, he would have. And in fact he received numerous phone calls from Mr. DeMotte subsequent to my interviews with him—my initial interview with Mr. DeMotte.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would it be proper to infer, then, that Mr. Bennett was aware of the nature of your professional relationship with the White House and the professional capabilities which you used in conjunction with some of your duties there, and that those might, in fact, be transferred over to the Committee To Re-Elect the President?

Mr. HUNT. Without trying to quibble, Mr. Armstrong, I would say that that statement is a little sweeping. If I might be permitted to re-

phrase that in the light of our discussion here, I would say that Mr. Bennett was undoubtedly aware that I was an experienced clandestine operator, that I was doing certain types of work for the White House under the aegis of Mr. Colson, and that the skills that I had processed and was using at the White House were now being utilized specifically by Mr. Liddy, who was an overt employee of CREP. I would also limit it to that. Is that a satisfactory response?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Yes, sir. Did Mr. Bennett in any way indicate the course of his information regarding the materials Mr. Greenspun held?

Mr. HUNT. To the best of my recollection, he simply said, "I have picked up the following information." I relate this to his recent return from a trip to the west coast with probably a stopover in Las Vegas.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. He mentioned no names?

Mr. HUNT. He did not say that he got it from Winte, whom he did not know, or that he got it from Intertel or any of the Hughes people that he normally had contact with; no, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. He did purport, however, that he got it on good authority?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, he did.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And you had reason to believe that Mr. Bennett was sophisticated enough to be able to judge such matters that, in fact, it would have been on good authority?

Mr. HUNT. I did.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At that time, did you and Mr. Bennett discuss whether or not you had any information regarding Mr. Greenspun or any materials Mr. Greenspun might hold in his possession?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And did there come a time when you and Mr. Bennett had a discussion about any authority on which you had it that Mr. Greenspun had materials in his possession?

Mr. HUNT. I would have to think back now in terms of Mr. Liddy's response to me when I passed the information to him. As I have indicated earlier, Mr. Liddy had a particular reason for embracing the opportunity to visit Las Vegas. At the same time, Mr. Liddy indicated to me that the information that I had provided him with from Mr. Bennett had been very well received and there was great interest manifested in it. But I do not think that Mr. Liddy at that time said that he had anything confirmatory from his principals, whom I judged to be Messrs. Magruder and Mitchell.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And had you communicated any of the substance of Mr. Bennett's communication to you to any other individual than Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. To Mr. Liddy only. And, I believe, by means of a two-sentence memorandum.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you retain a copy of such memorandum?

Mr. HUNT. I did not; no.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was this typed by anyone in your office?

Mr. HUNT. No, typed by myself. I might interject at this point that

there came a time, I believe in February, when I had a special telephone and a private telephone number installed in my office. Mr. Bennett was aware of that. I wanted to keep incoming calls from people like Gregory, Liddy, and so forth, out of the mainstream of the company's switchboard. And I explained to him the reason that I was having the move made.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I would like to return to that phone a little later. Did Mr. Liddy relate the context in which he had discussed with higher authorities the information you had given him from Mr. Bennett?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, not beyond what I have already described.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. How much time passed between Mr. Bennett's relating information to you and you relating it to Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. Perhaps 4 hours.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And between your first relation of the material to Mr. Liddy and his returning to you with the response?

Mr. HUNT. It was either that evening after work or the following morning.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And at the time——

Mr. DASH. Can you put this in a timeframe?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. This would be within a day of the original communication. This is within the timeframe of late winter or early spring?

Mr. HUNT. Late winter, I would say.

Mr. DASH. Late winter or early spring?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Most likely January or February.

Mr. DASH. Or would it be February 4? The testimony of Magruder is that the statement from Mitchell with regard to Liddy about getting into the Greenspun safe was at the meeting of February 4—the second meeting.

Mr. HUNT. February 4 would be an agreeable date.

Mr. DASH. You do not have to agree on that.

Mr. HUNT. I was just going to say, sir, that certainly in my two-line memo—my two-sentence memo to Mr. Liddy, there was nothing remotely related to a Greenspun safe or break-in. So I would have to assume that a period of time had elapsed between Mr. Liddy's having received the information from me and reporting it immediately to his superiors, and then there being some discussion on or about February 4 of a safe. You had asked me for a timeframe, so I would move it back prior to February 4.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. For what reason would you move it back?

Mr. HUNT. I do not think that—well, first of all, my memorandum contained no suggestions that there was anything of a documentary nature to be seized, let us say, or photocopied.

Second, that it was not until after Mr. Liddy and I had—not until after Mr. Winte and I had had our initial discussion, and the matter of Maheu and these other documents came to light, that there would have been any discussion or any reference to a safe or to an entry.

Mr. DASH. What specific information did you communicate to Mr. Liddy?

You said it was a two-line sentence. What was the specific information, to the best of your recollection?

Mr. HUNT. I will simply reconstruct what I might have written on that occasion:

Bob Bennett told me today that on good authority he had heard of a rumor in Las Vegas. The rumor is to the effect that Hank Greenspun has said that he possesses information which could "blow Ed Muskie out of the water."

It would have been as brief as that.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. How was this memorandum carried or transported to Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. I would have called him in his office to determine if he was there. If he was not there, I would have simply put it in a plain envelope and written "Mr. Liddy" on it and walked across the street and left it with the receptionist for him.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And do you recall, in fact, how it was transmitted?

Mr. HUNT. That is how I remember it having been transmitted.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. It was hand-carried?

Mr. HUNT. Hand-carried by me.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And do you recall if Mr. Liddy was in his office?

Mr. HUNT. The only reason for me taking the memorandum over would have been that he was not in his office. In other words, I could have communicated it to him by telephone.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you recall what Mr. Liddy's responsibilities were at that time, specifically around that day or within that period—what other things he might have been doing, not in any way related to this, necessarily?

Mr. HUNT. I don't think he had yet moved over to become general counsel for the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President. That is as closely as I can respond.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. He was with the Committee To Re-Elect the President, but had not changed offices to Mr. Stans.

Mr. HUNT. That is my understanding; yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. But you don't recall any specific responsibilities, any specific matters he was concerned with at that date—other happenings on that date or about that time?

Mr. HUNT. No, I don't, other than Gemstone, which was very much—

Mr. ARMSTRONG. It was ongoing through that?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And do you recall on that date any materials you had at Mullen & Co.—for example, the chapter or verse of any written materials that you were working on, anything that would help us fix a date?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, I don't.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. This was, however, subsequent to the installation of your phone, or prior to it?

Mr. HUNT. I believe that it was subsequent to the installation of my phone.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. When Mr. Bennett first discussed the information with you, did he put it in the context of—this would be information which he would specifically like to have and he could facilitate your getting the information, or was he suggesting that you should offer the plan of how to ascertain what the information was that Mr. Greenspun had on Mr. Muskie?

Mr. HUNT. He offered it to me, to the best of my ability to interpret that particular meeting—he was a man who had just come back from a trip, and he had acquired a nugget of information, if you will, which he thought could be useful for mutual friends across the street—CREP—and knowing my interest, and that I, with Gordon Liddy, thought that I might want to pass this on at once, which I did.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Let me put it in another context. When Mr. Bennett had first suggested that Mr. DeMotte possessed information regarding members of the Kennedy family or the people close to the Kennedy's, did he not also imply that it would be worthwhile to have some direct contact with those individuals to interview them directly?

Mr. HUNT. To interview DeMotte; yes, he did.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In other words, he had in mind a specific use for the information when he first offered it?

Mr. HUNT. He did.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was this in a similar context that he was also suggesting that Mr. Greenspun would be a person to approach for this information?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, not directly; no, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what would the reason be for not suggesting that again, if you can conjecture?

Mr. HUNT. I would conjecture that Mr. Bennett, of course, knowing of the hostilities that existed between Greenspun and the Hughes interests—I would not have considered him a feasible or vulnerable subject for direct interview.

A rumor is a very difficult thing to trace down in the first place. Mr. Bennett indicated that he had gotten it on good authority. So I did not know whether this meant in the confidence of a country club locker room when Greenspun had had too many drinks, or just how the rumor had originated. To be more specific, I did not suggest that Bennett, or Mr. Liddy himself, should go out to Las Vegas and ask Mr. Greenspun if he had, in fact, derogatory information concerning Senator Muskie.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion of the means by which such information might be obtained?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. DASH. Not at that time?

Mr. HUNT. Not at that time.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there discussion at that time, speculation as to whether or not Mr. Greenspun might, in fact, be the subject of an electronic surveillance implanted by the Government as a result of another previous conviction or as a result of the extraordinary number of surveillances maintained in Las Vegas by both Hughes and the Government?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was this a subject of speculation at a later time?

Mr. HUNT. To the best of my recollection, it was Mr. Bennett who told me that if I ever got out to Las Vegas, to be very careful even of using a telephone booth there, there was so much electronic surveillance out there that he for one would not even trust a coin phone in Las Vegas.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have at any time any discussion with Mr.

Bennett regarding specifically the likelihood that Mr. Greenspun, or Mr. Maheu, or someone else associated with Mr. Greenspun, was the subject of electronic surveillance?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. To your knowledge did Mr. Liddy at any time, immediately subsequent to his report to you that the matter had been received with great interest by his superiors, indicate anyone else with whom he might have shared that information?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have any reason to believe that his secretary at that time might have been aware of the information?

Mr. HUNT. Inferentially, yes. I assume she would have opened the envelope containing the memorandum and passed it along to Mr. Liddy.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In other words, she was a sufficiently trusted employee of Mr. Liddy's that it would have been customary for her to open such an envelope?

Mr. HUNT. With the exception of the word "customary"—I assume that she would have done so on the occasion.

Mr. DASH. On the envelope you just said "Mr. Liddy," and you did not have any other thing on the envelope to have instructed the secretary that it was confidential or personal?

Mr. HUNT. There was no direction limiting indicator of any sort. That would have simply aroused office interest in it.

Mr. DASH. That is the best way to get it opened.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Who was Mr. Liddy's secretary at that time?

Mr. HUNT. As far as I know it was the lady whom I later came to know to be Mrs. Harmony.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. You mentioned that in the text of the memorandum you made, for lack of a better term, a blind reference to Mr. Greenspun. Had you had previous discussions with Mr. Liddy that would indicate that he knew who Mr. Greenspun was and the contention of Mr. Greenspun's relationship to Mr. Maheu of the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, but Mr. Liddy having been keenly tuned in to American politics for a number of years, it never occurred to me that he would not be aware of Mr. Greenspun's significance in the Nevada scene.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have any subsequent discussions with Mr. Liddy, talking within the period of a few days, as to the context in which Mr. Greenspun was operating at that time regarding the Hughes Tool Co. and Mr. Maheu?

Mr. HUNT. What probably took place was that I elucidated for Mr. Liddy's benefit such information as I had acquired from Mr. Bennett over a period of time concerning the Hughes Tool problems in Las Vegas, the Maheu situation, and the Maheu-Greenspun alliance. In other words, that would have come from me rather than from Mr. Liddy.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At that time would you have been aware of other concerns that the Hughes Tool Co. had regarding Mr. Greenspun, including information he might have had regarding Mr. Maheu's relationship with judges in Nevada?

Mr. HUNT. Not initially, no, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Were there any other reasons that Mr. Liddy might have had to presume that the Hughes Tool Co. had an independent interest in information that would be in Mr. Greenspun's possession that could have been discussed at that time, I mean specific information as opposed to just a general reference?

Mr. HUNT. I would find it very difficult to answer, unless I attempted to place it in a context of generally held knowledge and concern. I would say that Mr. Liddy was aware of the litigation that was ongoing in Nevada, that he was aware of Mr. Bennett's representations of the Tool Co., that he was aware that the Hughes Tool Co. owned and operated a number of the casinos, hotels, and places of entertainment in Las Vegas, and also that the Hughes Tool Co. retained Intertel in its behalf, particularly in Las Vegas. But beyond that I cannot be more specific, I am sorry.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Were you, and would Mr. Liddy at that time have been aware of the problems of the Hughes Tool Co. with the Department of Justice in regard to a variety of antitrust actions?

Mr. HUNT. I was.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And would that have been information that would have been shared with Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would Mr. Liddy have indicated any independent knowledge or interest along those lines?

Mr. HUNT. He did not to me. This was a matter of discussion within the Mullen office.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And were you or would Mr. Liddy have been aware of the prior relationship between Howard Hughes and F. Donald Nixon and the so-called Hughes loan to Donald Nixon?

Mr. HUNT. As I recall, that had surfaced sometime before in the news media. And I am quite sure that it became a matter of public knowledge or speculation prior to the time that I had my initial meeting with Mr. Bennett on the subject of Hank Greenspun.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What would have been a matter of public speculation?

Mr. HUNT. Public knowledge. I think Jack Anderson was the one who, in a column, indicated that there had been a loan made by certain Hughes interests to a brother or nephew of the President, I forget which. I think that this became public knowledge before we began discussing Mr. Greenspun.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I guess my question would be, would that have been a matter of contemporaneous discussion in a general sense, in other words, was that a resurfacing concern?

Mr. HUNT. I believe that I recall Mr. Liddy indicating that the loan matter was a very troublesome one to the Republican Party.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And in what context would he have related that?

Mr. HUNT. It was a hell of a time for something like this to come out.

Mr. SHURE. Who said this?

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Liddy.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I am concerned with whether or not you remember this as being distinctly prior to this—you distinctly remember this

as being prior to relating to Mr. Liddy the information by Mr. Greenspun.

Mr. HUNT. My recollection would be along the following lines, Mr. Armstrong, that there had been information published in the newspapers which alluded to a loan which one or more branches of the Hughes interests had affected to Mr. Donald Nixon. And I believe that this revelation or series of revelations had been made prior, well prior to our discussing the Greenspun matter.

I can certainly stand corrected on the record. It would be simply a question of when the first public allusion had been made to this.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you recall mention of this coming up in the context of this information of Greenspun?

Mr. HUNT. No; I do not.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At the point when Mr. Liddy reported back to you that the matter you had informed him of was received with great interest, what did you then do with that information, what was the next step?

Mr. HUNT. The next step was to tell Mr. Bennett that I had passed the information to Mr. Liddy, and that his principals had received it with great interest and enthusiasm, and it was a matter that we would hear more of, and perhaps Mr. Bennett could go back in the sources and attempt to nail it down.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. How soon would this have been after Mr. Liddy reported back to you?

Mr. HUNT. Almost immediately, I would say.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And was it suggested how Mr. Bennett would have secured additional information on the source and nature of the rumor?

Mr. HUNT. I was well aware of the Intertel connection, and I was thinking in those terms. But instead he presented me with Mr. Winte a few days later.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At the point when you related Mr. Liddy's superiors' interest to Mr. Bennett, did Mr. Bennett indicate that he was going to take certain steps and bring anyone out, or had you had any prior notice that Mr. Winte was coming?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And can you relate the context in which Mr. Winte—I understand your statement that Mr. Winte was there regarding the Clifford Irving matter—but can you state the context in which Mr. Winte and Mr. Bennett and yourself discussed the subject of these prior communications?

Mr. HUNT. I was brought into Mr. Bennett's office and introduced to Mr. Winte. Mr. Bennett described his function for the Hughes Tool Co., and indicated that he had discussed with Mr. Winte the information that he had given me a few days previously, and suggested, I believe, at that time, that we might have a commonality of interest, and why didn't Mr. Winte and I take the discussion further. Whereupon, we left his office and went into my office and the discussion continued.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. During the discussion in Mr. Bennett's office, did Mr. Winte, by virtue of his comments, explicitly indicate that Mr. Bennett had prior knowledge of the information that Mr. Winte had related to you?

Mr. HUNT. He did not.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he indicate that he did not have prior knowledge?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he indicate that he had, in any way, made a full disclosure of the interest that Mr. Liddy's superiors had in the matter?

Mr. HUNT. He did not.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any reason to believe—

Mr. DASH. I have heard before in other questions put to Mr. Hunt the reference to Mr. Liddy's superiors. I am not sure the record has shown whether Mr. Hunt has indicated whether he knows who Mr. Liddy's superiors were, so that we are not using a term which we will later go back and find out what we are talking about—

Mr. HUNT. I believe I have indicated previously, Mr. Dash—and let the record show that when I have used the term "Mr. Liddy's superiors," I am construing them to be Messrs. Jeb Magruder and/or John Mitchell.

Mr. DASH. I'm sorry.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Along that line, would Mr. Bennett have been aware of the identity of Mr. Liddy's superiors in the same context you were?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And would he also have been aware of the nature of Mr. Liddy's responsibilities to those superiors?

Mr. HUNT. He would have been aware certainly of Mr. Liddy's overt responsibilities to Messrs. Magruder and Mitchell, and at a later date, Mr. Stans. He would have had, certainly, some feeling, if I could put it in those terms, of what Mr. Liddy and I might be doing together on the covert side.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In Mr. Bennett's office with Mr. Winte, was there any discussion of any of the specifics of what conversation was then about to take place with Mr. Winte in your office?

Mr. HUNT. I do not believe there was.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. So at that point Mr. Bennett had no reason to believe that you were about to discuss—necessarily discuss a covert operation of any specific type?

Mr. HUNT. Or conversely, no reason not to.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Can you relate in as much detail as you can recall your discussion with Mr. Winte in your office?

Mr. HUNT. I remember that almost immediately we exchanged professional cards, and he gave me, I believe, his home and his private telephone number, writing them on the back of his professional card.

I expressed to him what Mr. Bennett had said concerning the keen interest on the part of certain high-level Republicans in trying to nail down the specifics of the rumor that Mr. Bennett had reported to me. He told me, to the best of my recollection, that he was also in Washington to see the Intertel people there in Washington. I mentioned, I think in just a corollary fashion, that their fees were outrageously high, and he was going to see if he couldn't renegotiate some sort of a contract with them. I think he asked me if I knew Bob Peloquin, and I said I did not. And he was not specifically curious about the nature

of my relationship to the Republican Party or any of its organs. I think that this was implicit as a result of his prior discussion with Mr. Bennet before I entered the room. We talked to each other less in political terms than as two former professionals of government investigative agencies, indicating that there was certain information that I would like to have for the people that I represented, and that there might be a commonality of interest. And I believe it was at this point—and I could be confused about it—that he began to talk in terms of the Maheu litigation problem in Las Vegas.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what was the nature of the statement about the Maheu problem?

I think he led off by saying that you are probably aware that we have a lot of problems with Maheu in Las Vegas, and went on to talk about a Maheu-Greenspun alliance, and anything that could be done against Greenspun, in fact, would be a blow against Maheu.

And I said, well, that the rumor was a matter that was of principal interest to me, that Mr. Bennett had told me that there were very large-scale investigative details available to him in the Las Vegas area, and I hoped that we could discuss this at an early date and see whether we could get a line on it.

I then indicated that he had an associate across the city—by that I meant that the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, which was associated with me in this work—and it might be profitable for both of us to come out ourselves and look over Las Vegas.

He indicated that we would be very welcome there at any time, all we had to do was make arrangements through his office, give him a call, and he would lay on whatever we wanted in Las Vegas.

We were not then talking in terms of the safe, to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you indicate further your needs for particular types of information?

Mr. HUNT. I am trying to relate this now to the diagram that he produced—that unless I asked him at that first meeting, which means that the discussion with him must have taken on an additional dimension beyond what I have been recalling—that is to say, that he must have been fairly specific with me in terms of the Hughes interest in Greenspun. And I could have had bag operations very much in my mind, having participated in the Fielding entry operation.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Hunt, I do not want to make any attempt to entrap you or to suggest your testimony, but I believe that earlier in the day you discussed the fact that there were no definitional problems with Mr. Winte at this discussion, and that you had, in fact, discussed a series of requirements.

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir. I have been awake now, just for the record, for 12 hours, and I am getting just a little weary. But I certainly want to cooperate to the extent that I can.

Mr. DASH. I think we ought to take that into consideration. We appreciate that Mr. Hunt, and I do want to apologize for the fact that we are continuing this questioning and keep you so long.

We are under some sort of a gun, but I think when these things occur, it is appropriate for you to make those statements so that we are mindful of the burden that is on you and the record shows it.

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir. Because I do find myself not responding with the alacrity that I would like to.

Mr. SACHS. We did this on the 10th and the 11th, too, Mr. Dash.

Mr. DASH. You mean putting it on the record?

Mr. SACHS. No, we went on for hours, if my memory serves me correctly.

Mr. DASH. I think your memory does serve you correctly.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. It does.

Mr. SHURE. I can confirm it.

Mr. DASH. Perhaps we become, as a result of our intensive procedures, more accustomed to this than anybody else.

Mr. SACHS. May we go off the record?

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Back on the record.

Just as an attempt to summarize your previous testimony and see if it fits in this particular discussion, is it not the case that Mr. Winte stated that if an entry operation were necessary that the appropriate assets could be provided in Las Vegas?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And that that included casing the area between the facilities, the publishing facility, and securing some sort of floor plan, including trying to attempt to ascertain whether there was in fact documentation—

Mr. HUNT. That is the point; yes, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG [continuing]. That summarized the material on Senator Muskie and the location of that documentation, whether or not, in fact, it was in a safe or in a secured facility?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And that you also inquired as to the relative location of hotels and motels to the facilities at this time?

And lastly, that you had specifically requested a diagram of Mr. Greenspun's offices with emphasis on the location of any safe or secured facility?

Are all of the above summaries correct?

Mr. HUNT. They are.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there additional discussion about the budget or financing of such a potential operation?

Mr. HUNT. I would assume that we certainly touched on it, and to the best of my recollection I indicated that my people would certainly come up with more than their share of any joint undertaking.

Add he chimed in to say that of course anything required in the Las Vegas end itself was of a secured nature; they would take care of it.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there discussion of the personnel necessary to accomplish such a mission?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion in general about the fact that if particular personal capabilities were required that you had already identified them and that they could be met?

Mr. HUNT. I believe that I said to him that in the event of an entry operation that I had a team in being, and that I would not call upon him for personnel resources of foreign entry operation.

However, for lookouts, mobile surveillance, and that sort of thing, I would look to him for that.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And indicated that he could provide it?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you in any way characterize the nature or composition of the team that might be deployed?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion on Mr. Winte's part as to whom he might have to discuss this matter with or any questioning on his part as to whom you had discussed this matter with?

Mr. HUNT. I inferred that he would have to clear it with his superior, whom I believe Mr. Bennett had identified to me—it must have been during our discussion some minutes previous, that Mr. Winte reported to Mr. Bill Gay.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did Mr. Winte, at any time, question the legality or any of the technical legal questions associated with such an operation?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion if any of the participants of such a projected operation might be apprehended, as to whether or not they would reveal for whom they worked, or anything of that nature?

Mr. HUNT. We had no such discussion.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. A couple of brief housekeeping questions on this particular meeting.

You mentioned that you had given Mr. Winte a business card at that time. Was this a business card that identified you as an employee of the White House?

Mr. HUNT. No, I never had such a card.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. That identified you as an employee of Mullen & Co.?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And it was verbally that you identified yourself as an employee of the White House and the Committee To Re-Elect the President?

Mr. HUNT. I don't believe that I identified myself to Mr. Winte at any time as an employee of the White House.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Had Mr. Winte in your presence so identified you?

Mr. HUNT. I don't recall it. I think the context was the Republican reelection effort.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. So at that time, Mr. Winte had no specific reason to know precisely for whom you were working or precisely with whom you were working?

Mr. HUNT. Well, yes, he had reason to believe that I was a close collaborator with the prime powers of the Presidential reelection effort.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. But they were not identified individually?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Or by virtue of their title or position in any organization?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. SACHS. Will you fix the date of this conversation?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I believe the date was previously fixed by Mr. Hunt as within a few days of an event that was also within a few days of a

particular event. So we are talking about perhaps a week from the time Mr. Bennett was first mentioned.

Mr. DASH. This is a meeting in Washington?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Yes.

Mr. DASH. With Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. This was on or about the—this is in the beginning of February?

Mr. DASH. No, I am not sure that was it. I think at the time that came up there was a question as to when Mr. Bennett made reference to Mr. Hunt, and when Mr. Hunt first informed Mr. Liddy in his two-sentence statement, and Mr. Liddy coming back, I think, and letting you know of the interest of his superiors, that was the date we are trying to form. And I had suggested that the February 4 date, which was the date in the public record, was when Mr. Mitchell is supposed, according to the testimony of Mr. Magruder, to have mentioned that he should go out to look into Hank Greenspun's information. It would be sometime after February 4 that you would follow up on this with a meeting of Mr. Winte. If there is any followup meeting it was after February 4.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I meant to imply that it was within that period, and this meeting was within approximately a week of the first time that Bennett had mentioned the Greenspun matter to you.

Mr. SACHS. When did he first mention it?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I don't believe we have tied that down.

Mr. DASH. February 4 is a day that we know Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Liddy were talking about being at a meeting in Mr. Mitchell's office. That had to be after Mr. Liddy was informed by Mr. Hunt initially.

Mr. SACHS. In Mitchell's office—OK.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Had Mr. Winte indicated that he had been accompanied to Washington by any other individual employees of the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And did Mr. Winte or Mr. Bennett at this time have any reason to believe that these conversations might be recorded or taped by you?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did they have any reason to not believe that they were reported? Was there any precaution taken?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have any discussion with Mr. Winte regarding whether or not there had been any electronic surveillances of either Mr. Greenspun or Mr. Maheu or any person associated with them?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And the next event in this sequence was your report back to Mr. Liddy, is that correct, on the subject of this meeting with Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And how long might that have been after this meeting with Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. Probably within 3 or 4 hours, assuming Mr. Liddy was in town that day.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And did you report the substance of that meeting to anyone else?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have any discussion with Mr. Bennett immediately subsequent to that meeting?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what was the nature of those discussions?

Mr. HUNT. To the best of my recollection, I simply told Mr. Bennett that there was indeed a commonality of interest, to the extent that I could perceive it, and that Mr. Winte appeared to be a man of some experience and discretion, and that the way we had left it was that we would get together on the west coast on the occasion of my next trip out there, or prior to a scheduled visit, in the event that Mr. Winte had extraordinary information to communicate to me.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would you have indicated to Mr. Bennett that there was a covert entry operation being considered?

Mr. HUNT. I don't think so.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did Mr. Bennett indicate that he had any concern about the discussion you had with Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. None at all.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any indication that he was attempting not to know certain details of the discussion?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. DASH. You may not have indicated to Mr. Bennett that was a covert aspect. But I think earlier in the testimony you indicated that Mr. Bennett was not suggesting that you go out and interview Mr. Greenspun about it, and that he had a meeting with Mr. Winte, and things were now proceeding. And I take it that he would be able to imply that if you were going to seek to obtain such information, it would be through a covert operation.

Mr. HUNT. He would infer that.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I am sorry if the details of this are repetitive. But in your discussions with Mr. Winte had you specifically discussed the other materials which Mr. Greenspun might have in his possession related to another Mr. Maheu or that might be embarrassing to the Nixon administration?

Mr. HUNT. I am sorry, but I am failing rapidly here. Would you give me that question again. I have just reversed some names, and I am missing the question.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I will do so.

As I was just taking a step back to the meeting that we have been discussing and whether or not there was any discussion on your part or Mr. Winte's part as to any other information which Mr. Greenspun might have possessed that would be regarding either Mr. Maheu or information that would be embarrassing to the Nixon administration?

Mr. HUNT. Nothing concerning the latter, nothing concerning anything embarrassing to the Nixon administration.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And regarding Mr. Maheu?

Mr. HUNT. I think that that was something that we had been discussing.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And at that time it would have been that there was some mention of Mr. Maheu's relationship with judges in the State of Nevada?

Mr. HUNT. That is right.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you recall any other specifics about information that was of interest to the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. Specifically, no. Generically, yes, anything that they could get out of Greenspun regarding his relationship with Maheu, or Maheu's relationships with other persons, would be of great interest to them.

Mr. DASH. Therefore, would it be true that there may have been reason to believe that there was some specific information in the safe, if he had such a safe, but once you were there, they would have reason to believe that he would have additional information which they couldn't specify, and therefore, any additional information that would be useful—this was of interest to them?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir, because if I can amplify, without getting too far off the record, when Mr. Winte and I regrouped in California with Mr. Liddy, we were then talking more specifically with an entry operation, and we were talking in terms of these higher contents of whatever safe might exist, flying to Baja, Calif., and at that point making a determination of who had primary interest in what information. We knew what we would be interested in, and we assumed that the Hughes Tool Co. would be interested in everything else. And at that point a division of the spoils or the loot, if you will, would have been made.

Mr. SHURE. Was it your intent to clean the safe out or to photograph the documents?

Mr. HUNT. We were talking in terms of an all-out forced entry, not just a simple photographic mission.

Mr. HERSHMAN. Mr. Hunt, you have alluded on many occasions now to the possibility of a safe existing within the offices of Mr. Greenspun. You also earlier said that you mentioned to Mr. Winte that you had a team available for this.

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. HERSHMAN. And you referred specifically to the team that was used in Dr. Fielding's office.

Mr. HUNT. I didn't tell him about that.

Mr. HERSHMAN. But you did refer to it as the team that broke into Dr. Fielding's office?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. HERSHMAN. A team which went into the file cabinets, I believe, in Dr. Fielding's office.

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. HERSHMAN. Do you feel that there was someone capable, within that team, to break into a safe?

Mr. HUNT. That is a very good question. We were attempting at that time to find a locksmith. We didn't know whether Greenspun even had a safe. We were working on two levels, a practical level and a theoretical level, a hypothetical level. And Barker had been given instructions for some time to try to locate a competent locksmith in the Miami area. And he eventually did come up with one. I had thought about—I felt sure in my own mind that if we got around to an entry operation in Las Vegas, that I could provide all the resources necessary from the Cuban exile community in Miami.

Mr. HERSHMAN. It was never discussed with Mr. Winte that it might require the services of an expert safeman?

Mr. HUNT. I don't recall that. I think that out of a natural reluctance to expose all of my assets to Mr. Winte, I would have gone to almost any length to obtain a locksmith myself as an integral part of the team, and kept his people and my people separate, because his people comprised Intertel types and hotel detectives, casino investigators, and those sort of things. And I would not have wanted to expose my people to anybody.

Mr. DASH. And for another reason, Mr. Hunt, would it be fair to say from Mr. Winte's point of view that it was to his advantage, that if there was to be an entry, that the people who would be making that would be your people and he would not have any of his people involved in it?

Mr. HUNT. Very much so.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. You reported the details of this meeting to Mr. Liddy. What action did Mr. Liddy then take?

Mr. HUNT. He indicated that things looked great and maybe we can get out to Las Vegas immediately—that did not happen.

He said, "How soon do you expect to hear from Winte?"

And I said, "I have just left the man, and he is going back to the west coast, but I do have his private phone number and he is going to be getting back in touch with me."

I then said to Liddy, "Don't you think we will be going to Los Angeles again?"

And he said, "Probably in a couple of weeks."

And I said, "If it goes on that long, we will be meeting Winte again, and I think he should talk to you and he should meet you."

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he express any reluctance to meet him?

Mr. HUNT. None at all. I had told Mr. Liddy what I knew of Mr. Winte's background.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did Mr. Liddy indicate the necessity to secure additional authorization before proceeding any further?

Mr. HUNT. Not specifically.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he indicate that he was authorized to proceed to what would be at least the next stage to finalize a plan?

Mr. HUNT. The development stage, yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And that specifically had that much authorization?

Mr. HUNT. Not specifically; no. I felt that that was implicit, if you will, from his initial report to me that his information had been—that the information I had provided to Mr. Bennett had been enthusiastically received.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have any discussion with Mr. Liddy along the lines of whether or not a covert operation was within the mandate of his superiors, the interest that they had expressed in that material?

Mr. HUNT. No; because when I reported the detail of my conversation with Mr. Winte, it was explicitly clear what would be required, if in fact we went that far, that a covert operation would be necessary.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And Mr. Liddy gave no indication that that was not within his mandate?

Mr. HUNT. Not at all.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And conversely, did he give any indication that it was within his mandate?

Mr. HUNT. No, it was something that he accepted. Because after all, we had been talking about Gemstone for some time.

Mr. DASH. Let me interject at this point. You have been talking about Gemstone for all this time. But in the particular area that I am talking about, if it is around the time of February 4, you had not yet received approval, both from the budgetary point of view or an operational point of view, and we have plenty of testimony that it took up until March 30, when somebody approved it. So that as of this time, this was, of course, not a plan to break into the Democratic National Committee headquarters, but a plan that would be another covert operation and an entry, and if, therefore, what was the Liddy plan, was being discussed at these earlier meetings and it received approval from, as I say, from a budgetary or an operational point of view, how was he in a position to indicate that this could go forward, based on, say, Mr. Magruder's and Mr. Mitchell's approval?

Mr. HUNT. I would put it in this context, if I might, Mr. Dash, that it was abundantly clear that Mr. Liddy had access to developmental funds in substantial quantities, which were discretionary to a certain point.

Mr. DASH. The developmental performance, but actually for operational?

Mr. HUNT. I had felt that if he believed that Messrs. Mitchell and Magruder approved of the Greenspun operation, that he then was tacitly authorized to expend developmental funds in its furtherance.

Mr. SACHS. Don't you think this would be a good place to stop?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Can I get in one more question?

Was it not at this time, Mr. Hunt, that you first introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson?

Mr. HUNT. What date did Mr. Colson give for that introduction?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I am sorry, I don't have it with me.

Mr. HUNT. I wouldn't relate my introduction of Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson, I don't connote it with the Greenspun affair.

Colson's memorandum which I have seen does give a date. You have a copy of that.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I am concerned about a sequence, not a particular date.

Mr. HUNT. I can't put that in sequence.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At the discussion Mr. Liddy was introduced to Mr. Colson—in fact, was this not one of the items mentioned as a portion of the plans that were going forth on which approval was necessary?

Mr. HUNT. Not having overheard the details of his discussion with Mr. Colson, I would be unable to testify.

Mr. DASH. I think it is an appropriate time to stop because I think when he is rested I want to go into this further. This is a troublesome area for us, because I think your testimony is inconsistent with Mr. Colson's testimony in terms of whether or not you heard or not.

Mr. HUNT. I know that it is not.

Mr. DASH. And as I said to your counsel, it is an inconceivable situation, in terms of what had to have happened at such a meeting. But I think this is an appropriate time to stop, because I think if we are going to go into this tomorrow, we ought to go into it as fully as we can.

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EXCERPTS FROM HEARING OF SEPTEMBER 13, 1973

Present: Samuel Dash, chief counsel and staff director; Scott Armstrong, investigator; and Sidney S. Sachs, counsel for Mr. Hunt.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Hunt, we would like to return to the same series of events we were discussing yesterday regarding the planning of potential covert entry into the office of Mr. Greenspun of the Las Vegas Sun. And we left off at the point yesterday where you had reported the details of your first meeting with Mr. Winte to Mr. Liddy. And I would like to pick it up at that point and ask you to repeat what Mr. Liddy's response was at that time.

Mr. HUNT. To the best of my recollection, Mr. Liddy was very enthusiastic about the development. He saw in it an enlargement of the opportunities that had initially interested him in terms of our being able to exploit the entertainment possibilities of Las Vegas. And I believe he expressed the hope that we would pursue the matter diligently, both in Las Vegas and on the west coast.

I also told Mr. Liddy that I had made a tentative arrangement to meet with Mr. Winte on the west coast, and the date of this would depend upon our next travel period to the west coast, that we would not go out there independently.

And I think Mr. Liddy's response was that he hoped we could make that fairly soon.

Implicitly I assumed that he would report back the development that I just reported to him to his superiors, whom I identify for the purposes of the record to be either Mr. Jeb Stuart Magruder and/or Mr. John Mitchell.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In your briefing to Mr. Liddy did you also include the information which Mr. Winte had given you as to the interest of the Hughes Tool Co. in terms that may be in Mr. Greenspun's possession, including potential material on the relationship between Mr. Maheu and a Nevada judge.

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And would you have included any other information which Mr. Winte gave you at that time?

Mr. HUNT. I would have included whatever information Mr. Winte gave me, whatever it may have been.

I must interject at this point that this conversation took place a long time ago, and the details are far from sharp in my mind.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did Mr. Liddy indicate subsequently that he had discussed this matter with any other individual, did he make any specific reference to that?

Mr. HUNT. I recall no such specific reference. But I am quite sure, given the frequency of our conversations, and the operation at intimacy in which we were engaged, that he would have reported a response to me. I am doing more than merely conjecturing when I say that no negative reaction was forthcoming from Mr. Liddy. In short, that all signs were go on his side.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was the plan between yourself and Mr. Liddy, at that time, for Mr. Liddy to provide through whatever source, the financing for any upcoming trip to Los Angeles?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And did Mr. Liddy indicate the source of those funds, how he was to get those?

Mr. HUNT. No, he did not. However, I will refer to my previous description of the source of the travel funds that we have been using.

I knew that Mr. Liddy had been given, and I assumed by his banker—this was the term he always used, my banker—that he had been allotted developmental funds, the total sum of which I was never informed, but I knew that they were travel funds immediately available, that they were kept in his safe, that he did not have to refer to a banker just simply because he wanted to make a trip.

Mr. DASH. When you say the signs were gone, at around the time that he was responding back to you, you were getting information from him, sort of this indication of a general go-around. This was around the same time that the overall, so-called plan, was also being presented to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Magruder, and as I understand it from prior testimony, he was indicating that although it was not a final approval, there was an indication that the plan needed modification, but there was general acceptance of the idea.

Am I correctly stating it?

Mr. HUNT. I would say yes to everything except the final clause, Mr. Dash, which I would like to clarify in this way, if I might. This may be taking you gentlemen back over very familiar territory. But in terms of general acceptance it would have been my understanding from the beginning that the plan had been originated by Mr. Mitchell. And so it was not a question of Mr. Mitchell's accepting the plan, it was simply a question of how much, in terms of funds, was to be allotted to the plan.

Am I making a difficult distinction here?

Mr. DASH. I don't want you to get into it at this point, because I want you to save that for the time you refer to Mr. McCord's testimony. But the information we have received so far, based on Mr. Mitchell's testimony, Mr. Magruder's testimony, Mr. Dean's testimony, and Mr. McCord's testimony, it all leads consistently to this point, that Mr. Liddy was employed to develop an overall intelligence plan, and that the specifics of the plan, which apparently on one day—January 29—were put forth in a kind of show-and-tell form, charts, and things like that that were designed by Mr. Liddy with the help of others unknown at this point, and that this was presented at a meeting in the presence of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. Dean, and that the size of the budget was in question and the testimony, at least of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Magruder, and Mr. Dean is, the scope of the plan itself was in question, and that a second meeting was held on February 4, in which a scaled-down plan, with a scaled-down budget was presented. And at that point there was still a question as to the budget, and even some question as to the plan.

Mr. McCord's testimony has been—not having been present, of course, at those meetings—that Mr. Liddy always came back saying that there was general-go on the idea of the plan, but there was a question as to the money, and that they would have to go back again in order to get approval of the money.

So, while your view was that it was Mr. Mitchell's plan, we have always been given the impression that there is no doubt that Mr. Mitch-

ell and Mr. Magruder wanted Mr. Liddy to develop an intelligence plan, and had delegated to Mr. Liddy because of his so-called expertise—and also because he was going to rely on persons like yourself and others on the details of these plans, because neither Mr. Mitchell nor Mr. Magruder had any expertise on how to design a plan.

Are we saying the same thing?

Mr. HUNT. Could we go off the record for a moment?

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. DASH. On the record.

Mr. Hunt, at the time that Mr. Liddy was conveying the information you had given him concerning the Las Vegas plan, and he was giving you information as to the general approval of it, the go-approach of his sponsors, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Magruder that we have referred to, did he also report to you as to their attitude concerning the so-called overall intelligence plan that was being presented to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Magruder?

Mr. HUNT. There was a period of time of approximately 30 days, Mr. Dash, between the second effort by Mr. Liddy to secure final budgetary approval of the plan and it is—its own authorization.

Mr. DASH. We are now talking about the overall plan.

Mr. HUNT. The overall plan. Let us term it Gemstone, if we may. In that period of time Mr. Liddy reported very little to me, and in fact we will go into this later in terms of the meeting that was held among Colson, Liddy and myself. I had felt—if I might just say parenthetically, after about 2 weeks of not hearing anything further from Mr. Liddy about the overall Gemstone approval, I had more or less persuaded myself that it was not going to be approved budgetarily.

Mr. DASH. Let's be sure we are clear what you mean by this Gemstone plan. Because when we were off the record we went into information I would like now to have on the record.

Mr. Liddy had to be the source of your information as to what the plan generally was.

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir.

Mr. DASH. Could you state for us whose plan it was and what was, according to Mr. Liddy's report to you, generally considered to be incorporated in that plan?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir. This will take us back in time to late November of 1971, when I was first informed by Mr. Liddy that he had on that date been approached by Mr. John Dean, then counsel to the President, who informed him that Mr. John Mitchell wanted Mr. Liddy to transfer to the Committee for the Re-Election of the President as general counsel, that Mr. Liddy would perform two functions, one overt, as general counsel to the committee, particularly in connection with the interpretation of the new electoral law, but secondly, and more importantly, he would have a covert role as the chief or the director, if you will, of a massive intelligence complex and political action program which the Attorney General wanted to put in force.

Mr. Liddy at that time described the plan as embracing intelligence gathering and political action. The intelligence gathering, he told me, a part of that would involve the use of electronic surveillance.

He told me also that he regarded his selection very enthusiastically,

that he had not at that date met with the Attorney General. However, Mr. Dean was setting up a subsequent meeting at which would be discussed the terms of Mr. Liddy's work for Mr. Mitchell in both overt and covert capacities would be finalized.

Mr. DASH. If he had not met with Mr. Mitchell, in what way did Mr. Liddy get the information that the overall intelligence plan—the covert part would include electronic surveillance?

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Dean, according to my understanding.

Mr. DASH. But your understanding is from what Mr. Liddy told you?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. DASH. Continue.

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Liddy told me that he felt that as a matter of prudence and political tactics he should clear Mr. Dean's proposal with Mr. Egil Krogh and, in fact, did see within a day or so following our initial conversation.

Subsequently—and I would say probably within 4 or 5 days of our initial conversation on the subject of the overall intelligence complex and political action program which we had initially discussed—Mr. Liddy reported to me that he had in fact met with the Attorney General, and discussed the terms of his employment, his salary, his functions, over other functions at CREP, as well as the role that he would play as the director of the intelligence operations better known as Gemstone.

He indicated to me again that as Mr. Dean had previously told him, it was the Attorney General's desire that every available method be utilized to obtain relevant information during the period prior to the 1972 election, that it was the Attorney General's wish that there be a sophisticated program of electronic surveillance instituted, that he wanted demonstration groups available, that he wanted intelligence on the intentions of radical groups or other persons who might interfere with the smooth conduct of the Republican convention.

In short—and I am giving an indirect quote—"at this time we don't want to be caught with our pants down."

And that is how Mr. Liddy described to me his first meeting with the Attorney General.

Mr. Liddy went on to tell me that it was up to us to flesh out the program that the Attorney General had described to him in general terms. And we thereupon set to work to come up with individual projects which were related and synthesized so that they would meet the Attorney General's requirements as I understood them to have been stated by him to Mr. Liddy.

Mr. DASH. Were you aware of the fact, or did you participate in the putting of these individual projects in the form of charts that were later presented by Mr. Liddy to Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. HUNT. I did not. I would state for the record, as I have before in other forms, that I assisted Mr. Liddy in preparing drafts of individual project charts, budgets, and that my assumption was—to my knowledge Mr. Liddy used the draft charts that he and I had jointly prepared as the basis for the presentation charts which were ultimately shown to the Attorney General, and if Mr. Liddy was correct in his subsequent reports to me, to Messrs. Dean and Magruder.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Parenthetically, Mr. Hunt, are you aware of who prepared the final charts for presentation?

Mr. HUNT. No, I am not, but I have an idea. Would you care to hear it?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I would appreciate it.

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Liddy was rather skilled in graphic work himself. We had in the situation room, in room 16-A, what I will call for lack of a more specific phrase, an artist's pad. The dimensions were approximately 2 feet wide and 3 feet long. And this was pinned to the wall or suspended from the molding. And Mr. Liddy was in the habit of using it in conjunction with a large fiber-tipped pen to diagram "plumbers" work and to make points graphically before Messrs. Krogh and Young, for example. I have since assumed, in the light of subsequent disclosures, that the charts that Mr. Liddy showed Mr. Mitchell were in fact made by himself, if not on the material which we had in the situation room, than on material closely resembling it.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. The plan which you mentioned, which you were discussing just prior to that question, Mr. Hunt, the development of this was at a time contemporaneous with the events we are discussing here?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And would, in fact, the prospective break-in into Mr. Greenspun's office in Las Vegas have been a portion of that plan?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What differentiated this from one of the other projects in this plan?

Mr. HUNT. Because this was not within the scope of the Attorney General's initial requirements as understood or perceived by me.

Mr. DASH. Can you make that more specific? When you say "scope of finished requirements," I think you have given us a general idea of the scope and what it might include. But could you also not talk in terms of geographical area, targets, and other things which might distinguish it from the Las Vegas operation? That question doesn't really help you in distinguishing it.

How else could you distinguish it? I was attempting to frame the areas in which it might be distinguished. I don't want to suggest the methods of distinction, but rather have you do it.

Mr. HUNT. In response to your question, Mr. Dash, it occurs to me that Mr. Liddy would not have included the Las Vegas activity in the initial Gemstone offering simply because he had available funds for developmental activities, which we anticipated would cover such travel that we might make to the Las Vegas area. As I believe I stated yesterday, it had been our understanding that a substantial portion of the operational costs would be picked up by Mr. Winte or his superiors.

Mr. DASH. But were you aware, or was there a report to you, that this overall plan that Mr. Mitchell had been discussing with him, aside from just an intelligence plan generally, with particular operational requirements in it, also included certain targets, for instance, Mr. O'Brien, or the Democratic National Committee headquarters, or candidates' offices or headquarters or the convention site?

In other words, were those included in the discussion of the plan?

Mr. HUNT. Partially included. To the best of my recollection, Sen-

ators Muskie and McGovern were mentioned by name, that is, their headquarters as being of interest to us.

Now, as to the electronic surveillance capability—and my testimony may be at variance with what you have heard from other people—I do not recall that the initial authorization or even the budget for the electronic surveillance part of it contemplated more than Messrs. McGovern and Muskie. In fact, to the best of my recollection—and I think I have testified to this on prior occasions—it was not until approximately the time I met Mr. McCord, in April, that I knew that I had personal knowledge that the Democratic National Committee headquarters was a target.

Now, I would go back a little and say that once the broad category of electronic surveillance had been approved in budgetary terms, it was simply then a selection of targets from within that. I remember, for example, that Mr. Liddy, early on in January, told me that he was consulting a “former colleague of mine” from CIA concerning the electronic aspects of the presentation without identifying the man by name, he said that the man had current knowledge of the state of the art of electronic surveillance, and that he was receiving all the budgetary figures for the cost of the electronic surveillance from him.

Mr. Liddy mentioned to me that this included the use of a “chase plane” or “chase aircraft” for the purposes, as I gather—and my own knowledge of the art is an extremely limited one—that as the candidates’ planes are flying from point A to point B, that we would be sending a chase plane into the air to intercept signals that that candidate’s plane might be transmitting to some ground station, I suppose, clear language text material of some sort.

He had calculated, in some fashion, the cost of the hire of such a chase plane, he himself being a qualified pilot, and from his then unidentified source of expertise on the cost of electronic surveillance material, he had formed a portion of the overall electronic surveillance budget.

After the first turndown the initial item that we took out of the budget was the chase plane and all of the sophisticated equipment that had gone into that. And this made it very simple to reduce the budget quite substantially from what its initial figure had been.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In the context of your discussions with Mr. Liddy, was it your assumption that since this was not a project which could be projected within the original plan, that Mr. Liddy would need an additional approval and additional authority to proceed and share information with any outsiders to continue to negotiate?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, for the reason that at that time we contemplated no expenses beyond that of travel and possible lodging in Las Vegas for ourselves.

Mr. DASH. I take it from what you said that the Las Vegas plan was consistent with what Mr. Mitchell had indicated was required in the overall plan.

I take it that you, going out to Las Vegas and the request for political information that might be there, was consistent with what Mr. Mitchell wanted generally, and therefore, based on what you have said so far, since the issue was the budget—since that was not a problem in this case, and you said that the development plans would take

it—that you didn't need any special approval to fit the pattern of the intelligence workings and didn't require any additional money?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At this time in your discussions with Mr. Liddy, do you have any indication that Mr. Liddy was concerned about the fact that individuals other than agents or people in your employ were aware of a prospective operation, or it was at least billed as a projective operation.

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was your assumption at that time, that Mr. Liddy had shared the information with his superiors, that he had, in fact, consulted with outsiders, individuals connected with the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. Would you rephrase the question, sir, I am afraid I missed your thrust.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was it your assumption at the time, that Mr. Liddy had shared with his superiors, knowledge that you had consulted with individuals from Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. DASH. So that the record is clear, it is not my understanding, that since we are talking about both plans, the so-called Gemstone plan and this plan in Las Vegas, that Mr. Liddy's sharing with Hughes Tool people had nothing to do with—that is, any sharing of information on Gemstone with them? It was very selective—as I take it, the discussion with the Hughes Tool people dealt directly and solely with Mr. Greenspun in Las Vegas, and that there was no discussion—and correct me if I am wrong in the assumption—about anything that Mr. Mitchell might have been talking with Mr. Liddy about in regard to the Gemstone plan.

Mr. SACHS. You said officials of Hughes. Did you mean official or officials?

Mr. HUNT. I don't recall saying that.

Mr. SACHS. The last question was in the plural.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I meant to make reference to Mr. Bennett as an agent of the Hughes Tool Co. and Mr. Liddy as an employee.

Mr. HUNT. Could we go off the record here?

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. DASH. On the record.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Hunt, at this time did either you or Mr. Liddy, to your knowledge, then or since then, have any discussions independently with Mr. Bennett between this meeting with Winte and the next meeting with Winte regarding this matter?

Mr. HUNT. I am quite sure Mr. Liddy did not. And I am reasonably sure that I did, as a matter of courtesy to keep him generally informed.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what would the nature of that communication have been?

Mr. HUNT. That things were working out well apparently, that no definite decisions had been reached, but that Winte was going to proceed along certain investigatory lines, and we would be getting together at a subsequent date to compare notes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you share this with him almost immediately subsequent to the meeting?

I believe you mentioned the other day, that you mentioned to Bennett right after that, that there was a commonality of interest between you and Mr. Winte.

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you discuss it again with him after that?

Mr. HUNT. I would think so, within a day or so.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And would either you or Mr. Liddy have discussed anything related to this matter with Mr. Colson?

Mr. HUNT. No, I did not. I do not believe that Mr. Liddy would have had occasion to.

Mr. DASH. At this time—I am not sure whether you established this—had Mr. Liddy met Mr. Colson and had Mr. Colson known Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. We have to be very precise on this point, I know. I don't know the date of meeting among Colson, Liddy, and myself.

Mr. DASH. You introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, I did; to my knowledge, for the first time, although I understand that Mr. Colson maintained that he had met Mr. Liddy previously in July of 1971. I have seen a copy of Mr. Colson's memorandum on this whole subject. And I wonder if the committee has a copy of that particular memorandum.

Mr. DASH. We probably do.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Not here.

Mr. HUNT. We will be getting into that area fairly soon, I think. And certainly if we can get the date from that memorandum, then I would be able to answer the question that has just been raised.

Mr. DASH. That would be July of what year? You are recalling a memorandum of Mr. Colson?

Mr. HUNT. Yes. He wrote this memorandum after the Watergate break-in.

Mr. DASH. Before he first met Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. I believe the memorandum states, at least in part, that he had met Mr. Liddy previous to July. And then he goes on to set a particular date, I believe, in the month of February 1972, at which time Mr. Liddy and I met in his office with him. And that is the date that I am interested in, because it relates to our current discussion.

Mr. DASH. Without necessarily pinpointing a date, is it your recollection that you first introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson—I am not trying to ask you to pinpoint a date, even a month, but would you have introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson prior to the time Mr. Liddy had asked you to join this new venture, the Gemstone venture?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. DASH. So, therefore, it would have come sometime after the November or December appearance.

Mr. HUNT. Yes; it came about between, as I recall it, the second and the third approval meetings.

Mr. DASH. Which would be sometime between January and February?

Mr. HUNT. Yes. I place it in the month of February, which is approximately the time we are talking about now.

Mr. DASH. And that meeting was what kind of a meeting?

Mr. HUNT. The meeting between Mr. Liddy and Mr. Colson and myself?

Mr. DASH. I am talking about the meeting at which you first introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson.

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir, I know this is a very important meeting—

Mr. DASH. Is this the same meeting in which Mr. Colson made a telephone call to Mr. Magruder?

Mr. HUNT. Yes. There is only one.

Mr. DASH. Is it your recollection that you introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson on that day?

Mr. HUNT. On that occasion, yes, sir. Although Mr. Colson said that he had met Mr. Liddy previously.

Mr. SACHS. We don't know that day, do we?

Mr. DASH. Is it your testimony that it may be that Mr. Colson met Mr. Liddy on his own or bumped into him or had some other occasion to meet him, or is it your testimony that you, personally, from your knowledge, introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson on that particular day?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, at Mr. Liddy's request.

Mr. DASH. Yes. And at no other time had you introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson?

Mr. HUNT. Nor had I any reason to believe that Mr. Liddy and Mr. Colson had met prior to that day.

Mr. SACHS. Do we know that date?

Mr. HUNT. From Colson's memorandum we do, yes.

Mr. DASH. We may have that. But Mr. Hunt wasn't involved in that. There is no challenge to Mr. Hunt's testimony. Mr. Colson never said that Mr. Hunt introduced Mr. Liddy to him at an earlier date. I think the memorandum that Mr. Hunt is discussing is Mr. Colson's memorandum, in which he said that he met Mr. Liddy himself on a different occasion, at an earlier period of time, and it did not relate to being with Mr. Hunt. At this point all I am asking is, when did Mr. Hunt present Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson. And I think in February 1972 is when he said. And only one time did he do that. That is not necessarily inconsistent.

Mr. SACHS. You are giving me credit for something I am not even thinking of.

Can we go off the record?

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Back on the record.

Mr. HUNT. Mr. Armstrong, I would answer your question in the following way, that lacking a firm reference with which I could fix the meeting during which I introduced Mr. Liddy to Mr. Colson, I would say that in the context of the Greenspun affair, at the point in which we are currently discussing it, at that point Mr. Liddy had not then met Mr. Colson.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you have any discussion again, between your first meeting with Winte and your second meeting with Winte—did you have any telephonic discussion with Mr. Winte between your first meeting him in person and your second subsequent meeting, other than the phone call from the hotel, which told him which room to come to?

Mr. HUNT. I have a very vague recollection that the leased line was open on one occasion, that is, the Mullen to Hughes Tool Co., Los Angeles line was open at one period, at which time I spoke to Mr. Winte. But it was merely a matter of pleasantries, to the best of my recollection. I certainly may have advised him prior to our contemplated

trip out there that I would be in Los Angeles on a certain date. And then when I arrived in Los Angeles I phoned him locally to tell him where I was staying.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In the case of the use of the leased line, was there subsequent calls to some other employees of Mullen & Co. conversations with Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. I would have been made aware that Mr. Winte was on the line undoubtedly through Mr. Bennett.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And do you recall, if in that context, Mr. Bennett had had any discussions at that time with Mr. Winte relative to this subject?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And at this time you had not yet met Mr. McCord. But did you have any indication from Mr. Liddy that Mr. Liddy had shared information about this potential operation with Mr. McCord?

Mr. HUNT. No; I had none.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Had there been any discussion with Mr. Liddy about his receipt of intelligence from his superiors that, in fact, there might be other information available within Mr. Greenspun's office in Las Vegas pertinent—other information either regarding Hughes Tool Co. or regarding the Nixon administration or members of it.

Mr. HUNT. I recall very vaguely, Mr. Liddy's informing me, either upon the occasion of his informing his superiors of the existence in Las Vegas of this rumor, or within a few days thereafter, that Mr. Liddy confided in me that his superiors were, in fact, able to relate the rumor to information that they had. And so this was one reason why the information was well received by them from Mr. Liddy, that the—it fitted into information that they already had.

I am not referring to Mr. Greenspun's allegation that he had information that would "blow Ed Muskie out of the water," and only that.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. At that time, or around that time, could you have had a conversation with Mr. Bennett in which you made reference to having gotten information from the highest sources in which, when he questioned further, you indicated that most likely it would be from a wiretap, or some electronic surveillance that indicated that this information was correct?

Mr. HUNT. I believe I spoke with Mr. Bennett concerning collateral support for the information that he had entrusted to me concerning the rumor. But I have no recollection of indicating to him, that the source of the collateral information was wiretap or electronic interception. Specifically, if Mr. Liddy had confided that information to me, I would not have felt that I should have passed that type of information along to Mr. Bennett, because I would have judged that it came from Mr. Mitchell in some fashion through the Department of Justice, and that it was an official U.S. Government wiretap, and that the existence of that particular wiretap, the knowledge of it should end with me and not be passed along to Mr. Bennett.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. The arrangements necessary to go to Los Angeles for this—

Mr. DASH. Excuse me, there is part of the question hanging. In the answer, you think you indicated that you did not tell Mr. Bennett that there was confirmation that this information came from a wiretap.

I think the reason was that if you got that type of information from Mr. Liddy you would not have passed it on to Bennett.

I think the question is, whether or not you ever passed it on to Mr. Bennett, did Mr. Liddy ever give you any indication that there was confirmation that this information came from a wiretap.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you draw the impression from Mr. Liddy that that was the likely source of the information.

Mr. HUNT. I believe I drew that inference, yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you draw the inference that Mr. Liddy was receiving confirmation back from the Attorney General, and that the Attorney General had access to that information, or from a more specific reference that Mr. Liddy might have made.

Mr. HUNT. I would relate it more to the information that had been supplied to me, either by Mr. Bennett or Mr. Winte, earlier, at the time of our initial discussions concerning the massive wiretapping efforts that were being conducted by the Government in Las Vegas, without regard to any specific item.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. How were the travel arrangements to Los Angeles made for the trip when you next met Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. To the best of my recollection, Mr. Liddy gave me a date when we would be next traveling. And I simply made the usual reservations with American Airlines, and in due course picked up the tickets, paying in cash received from Mr. Liddy. But I believe on that occasion, using the leased line, and being in touch with the Hughes office in the Los Angeles area, I asked the Hughes Tool Co. representative to reserve a suite at the Beverly Wilshire for Mr. Liddy and myself, although I don't believe I used Mr. Liddy's true name at that time.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I believe you previously stated that upon your arrival at Los Angeles that you informed Mr. Winte that you were in a certain room at the Beverly Wilshire, and that he could meet you at a certain time?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And at that time you would introduce him to the person with whom you were working?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And how soon after your arrival would that phone call have taken place?

Mr. HUNT. We arrived late at night, I think, on a Friday night. And I called him after a reasonable hour, after we woke in the morning, say 9:30 or so. And Mr. Winte was with us by 10:30, I would judge, on Saturday morning.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And how long did that meeting last?

Mr. HUNT. It lasted until lunch time, to the best of my recollection I believe that we invited—inasmuch as we were lunching in the room via room service, we asked Mr. Winte if he could join us with lunch.

And he indicated that he had an appointment and he had to leave at that time, I would say roughly an hour or an hour and a half.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And how long were you in Los Angeles on that occasion?

Mr. HUNT. We normally would have left on Sunday evening.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And did you have any other business during the remainder of Saturday and Sunday?

Mr. HUNT. Yes; there was business, the nature of which escapes me at this point.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Would that have included both you and Mr. Liddy, or was that principally Mr. Liddy?

Mr. HUNT. Principally Mr. Liddy.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And would that have separated Mr. Liddy during that period of time?

Mr. HUNT. For a period of time, yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Approximately, just a rough approximation of how much you might have been together then?

Mr. HUNT. I would say for all of Saturday afternoon.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. That Mr. Liddy was separated?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. During the discussion with Mr. Winte in the hotel room at the Beverly Wilshire, you mentioned that Mr. Winte had had in his possession a diagram of the offices of the Las Vegas Sun. Did this include a diagram of the surrounding area also?

Mr. HUNT. It was a floor plan.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And did it include access routes to the facility itself and information setting the site of the structure in relationship to other structures in the area?

Mr. HUNT. Let me describe it as best I can. It was a drawing, I believe, of the first floor of the offices, showing the wall. There was an indication that there was an alley at one end of the building, a service road, I believe, on another side, and obviously there was a main street. But I don't recall the location of any other—there was not specified on the diagram I was shown, the location of any other buildings.

Mr. Winte, I think, indicated to me when he was showing me the diagram, that there was such and such a corner, or within easy distance, a short distance, of the Sun office, a hotel or a motel where we might consider staying when we visited Las Vegas.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. This diagram, was this an architectural rendering or freehand?

Mr. HUNT. Freehand.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. A freehand drawing?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And did it include detailed information as to the dimensions of rooms and the location of doors and windows, et cetera?

Mr. HUNT. Approximately. It was a freehand drawing. And Mr. Winte told me that one of his people provided it to him, that he did not do it himself.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Judging from the details of the drawing, did you get the impression that this was done by someone who was professionally familiar with such an entry operation, and who was, in fact, providing the necessary information?

Mr. HUNT. I did not draw that assumption, no.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. It appeared to be, then, more of an amateurish job?

Mr. HUNT. It was a well-done job by somebody who had been asked to provide a floor plan of the ground floor offices.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. But would you say that it lacked information relevant to a covert entry?

Mr. HUNT. Well, it lacked the location of the safe.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And at that time, I believe, you stated that there was some discussion of that safe—whether or not a safe was there?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And did Mr. Winte give you the type and location of the safe, do you recall?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, he did not.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In the discussion—I don't want to repeat all the discussion we had previously of that meeting, but in the discussion of getaway plans, did Mr. Winte inquire as to the number of individuals to be involved in the entry?

Mr. HUNT. I assume that he did. But I believe that he put the question to Mr. Liddy. Mr. Liddy is much more familiar with modern aircraft than I am. And I believe that the whole discussion of the type of escape aircraft that might be utilized was gone into by Mr. Liddy who, as I say, is a private pilot, with Mr. Winte. And, of course, I knew that there was a great variety of aircraft of all types and descriptions available to the Hughes Tool Co. So that the size of the aircraft that they decided upon would have been conditioned or partly qualified by the number of individuals who might have been involved in the operation.

Mr. DASH. Name your jet, and you can have it?

Mr. HUNT. Yes. I might say at this point that I found that we were getting much deeper into the operation than I had anticipated. From Mr. Liddy's initial information I had gone along, if you will, with the gag to build up this Las Vegas operation. We still had not gotten to Las Vegas for even a preliminary reconnaissance, and now we were talking about canvas bags into which to put the loot, so that the contents of the safe could be quickly swung aboard the escape aircraft, and so forth.

Mr. DASH. And you had not yet ascertained that there was a safe indeed?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir. The thing had taken on almost a transcendental aspect.

Mr. DASH. As a matter of fact, an effort to ascertain whether there was a safe in Mr. Greenspun's office would be a very easy thing, would it not?

Mr. HUNT. I asked Mr. Winte if it wouldn't be possible for somebody on a pretense to go into Mr. Greenspun's office to talk to him, interview him—certainly Mr. Winte had a wide variety of employees available to him—and simply by visual observation determine if there wasn't a safe.

Mr. DASH. And that is all it would have taken?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir. It would be a very simple thing to do.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you recall if Mr. Winte was also to provide transportation to and from the office—from the motel to the offices and from the offices to the plane?

Mr. HUNT. That would have been a part of his function; yes, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And was there any discussion, do you recall, about the details of that, what type of motor transportation was to be used or what type of automobiles were to be provided?

Mr. HUNT. Again I would say this was something that Mr. Liddy discussed with Mr. Winte, Mr. Liddy being something of a hot car

buff himself and having been involved with the FBI in many high-speed cases. This was something that he knew a good deal more about than I did. And this was a path that I believe he and Mr. Winte discussed, the availability of certain horsepower engines, and certain kinds of cars in the area, whether rental or whether on a loan basis.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. During this period, by your estimate, of approximately an hour and a half, would you say that the majority of the conversation was between you and Mr. Winte or between Mr. Liddy and Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. I would say, with the exception of the aircraft and the motor transportation details, most of the operational planning, the comments on the diagram, and so forth, would have been carried out between Mr. Winte and myself.

Now, there also was a period in which Mr. Liddy and Mr. Winte were playing "who-do-you-know in the FBI", which I felt to be a dangerous game, because Mr. Liddy was registered under an assumed name. And I so introduced him to Mr. Winte. I felt if Mr. Winte had wanted to pursue the matter and determined whether such a person existed he would easily determine Liddy's true identity by calling up some of his friends from Bureau days whom they had discussed as mutual acquaintances, and, by physical description, determine who Liddy was.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion at this time about the desirability of implanting—

Mr. DASH. Before you do that, they knew who you were?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, indeed.

Mr. DASH. I think earlier you indicated that they had an idea who Liddy was—who he worked for.

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. DASH. Why was it necessary to keep his actual identity unknown to Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. I suppose to be consistent with the reservations that we had requested the Hughes Tool Co. to make. And I believe that they were for Howard Hunt—

Mr. DASH. It was necessary for the purposes of masking Mr. Liddy's identification in the hotel?

Mr. HUNT. Yes; in the hotel, and on a need-to-know basis—

Mr. DASH. But actually, as you say, there really would be no problem if Mr. Winte did, in fact, find out who Mr. Liddy was?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, but Mr. Liddy was aware of the need-to-know basis, and he wasn't volunteering anything. It wasn't a big thing. And no massive effort was made to conceal Mr. Liddy's true identity. In fact, I felt he was sort of dangling some bait in front of Mr. Winte in terms of discussing who they knew in the FBI.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion at this time about the desirability of implanting any electronic surveillance device within Mr. Greenspun's office?

Mr. HUNT. I don't recall any; no.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was it anticipated that Mr. Winte would have an employee or an individual who would accompany the team into the premises?

Mr. HUNT. I don't think so. Again, I don't think that I would have

at that juncture been willing to mix my personnel with his. We were taking the responsibility for an entry operation, it would have been our operation. We were talking in terms of a lookout or mobile surveillance or fixed surveillance.

Then Mr. Winte's operation in terms of an entry—that would have been something that I would have wanted to have handled apart, simply to protect my own people.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. So you don't recall any insistence on Mr. Winte's part that he have a member of his team present to survey the contents of the safe?

Mr. HUNT. Oh, no.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was it anticipated that he would have a member or employee or agent of his at the other end of the operation once the plane had landed to go through the contents?

Mr. HUNT. Aboard the plane.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And that the materials pertinent to the Hughes Tool Co. would be left with that individual?

Mr. HUNT. Exactly.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion, perhaps, of the desirability of flying the plane to Nicaragua?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I raise that question from the standpoint that you had been previously familiar with Nicaragua, and, of course, the Hughes Tool Co. was, as a result of Mr. Hughes' presence there at one time.

Mr. HUNT. Yes. Just from a practical point of view, it would be very hard to get back to the United States from Nicaragua, where you have passports and visas involved, and individuals traveling have to have passports; whereas to return from Mexico, it is a much easier problem. You don't need a passport to enter Mexico, if you have a tourist card and a false name, you can simply prove your identity and be passed back in the United States. But I never talked about Central America as a locus for the termination of the getaway flight.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. You mentioned previously, I believe, in your testimony, that there was discussion whether or not there might be a safe in Mr. Greenspun's home.

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was it Mr. Winte's assignment to ascertain whether that was in fact true?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And if so, to provide a diagram of that facility also?

Mr. HUNT. That was the understanding, certainly.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. So there was some attempt to identify other locations where any documentation might be kept?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. So, that also could be approached at the same time?

Mr. HUNT. At the same time; no. I think we would have wanted to make a determination as to where the relevant documentation was kept. This would have been two separate operations.

Mr. DASH. You might have found that there was a safe in Greenspun's office, and you also might have found that there was a safe in

his home, but you would have to have made a choice as to priority entry, and at that point, as I take it, you weren't going to make your search of it, you were going to empty out the safe as you indicated earlier, and you were going to take all and search it later?

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. DASH. And therefore you would have had to do your escape route, and if the contents didn't show anything, you would have had to make another decision as to whether you would make the second entry?

Mr. HUNT. That is true. Let me say—

Mr. DASH. That is the hypothesis I am putting.

Mr. HUNT. That is quite right, Mr. Dash. Mr. Winte had been asked, in conjunction with the discussion of the possible location in Mr. Greenspun's home of the safe, to try to come up with an evaluative judgment as to which safe—and we had not even at that point established that there was a safe on the premises in the Sun offices—where intimate information would more likely be held.

Mr. DASH. Do you know now whether or not there was a safe in Mr. Greenspun's office?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir; I don't.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion at that point with Mr. Winte about whether or not this was a location, the location of the Las Vegas Sun, a site where there had been previous burglaries, or it was burglarized regularly, or any discussion of the likelihood that such an entry operation would have been assumed to be a normal burglary in the area?

Mr. HUNT. I think I asked Mr. Winte what the crime rate was in Las Vegas, whether it was high or low, and whether that particular area was one that was vulnerable to robberies, burglaries, what you will—whether it was a high-crime or low-crime area. Not having been in Las Vegas, I was trying to visualize just what the setting was—whether the office building was one that the police regularly patrolled occasionally, and that sort of thing. This was all material that Mr. Winte should have had ready at hand or could have very easily obtained from his personnel.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Can you recall his answers to those types of questions?

Mr. HUNT. I don't think that he knew the answers immediately, but he undertook to look into it in terms of a further meeting or further discussions.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he give any indication as to how he would ascertain that information?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Given the fact that Mr. Winte would have had some degree of awareness of Mr. Greenspun's professional reputation, and that Mr. Greenspun had in the past run a series of highly sensitive so-called exposés—and you might have been aware of that, too—was there any discussion that Mr. Greenspun would have been sophisticated enough not to keep documents in one location, and to have Xeroxes in several places so that exactly such an operation would be ineffective?

Mr. HUNT. I recall no such discussion.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Is there a reason for that? Wouldn't that be a normal consideration in this type of an activity?

Mr. DASH. There is an assumption also based on your knowledge in the question. I don't know whether you knew Mr. Greenspun before. I think you said at one point that Mr. Liddy, being politically knowledgeable, would have known of Mr. Greenspun's position in the Las Vegas area. But to your knowledge were you aware or was Mr. Liddy aware of Mr. Greenspun's reputation of making exposés, being a sort of crusading or pioneering newspaper publisher?

Mr. HUNT. My perception of Mr. Greenspun then and now, with the exception of informatory disclosure, Mr. Dash, is limited to a recollection on my part that Mr. Greenspun was a bitter political enemy of Barry Goldwater when he was a candidate for the Presidency of the United States, and he wrote a good deal of defamatory articles concerning Goldwater. As to a crusading image—

Mr. DASH. That is a value judgment kind of a word. Were you aware that Mr. Greenspun had engaged in what is generally called investigative reporting which produced for him definite material which he later used for exposés in his newspaper?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. SACHS. I don't know why Mr. Armstrong asked you if you had considered—asked you in essence whether you had considered the fact that the operation would not be a success if there hadn't been available to Mr. Greenspun copies of what was in the safe. But is it a fact that even if there had been copies it would, nevertheless, have been a successful operation if you had found out what information he had?

Mr. HUNT. Exactly.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. For you, but not necessarily for the Hughes people, is that a fair assumption?

Mr. HUNT. I wasn't fully enough included into the totality of their interests.

Mr. DASH. Let me follow up that question, because I think it is directed to whether it would or would not be. If the information you had was that there may have been certain judges on the payroll, if in fact they were able to find any record of that, even though there were copies of it, the fact that they had it and could expose Mr. Greenspun—I think it was your information earlier to us that anything that might damage Mr. Greenspun would be a plus for the Hughes people.

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. DASH. It wouldn't matter whether he retained other copies, it would be something that they could use to expose him.

Mr. HUNT. Yes.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I am confusing my hypothesis with your hypothesis.

Mr. HUNT. Excuse me. Could we take a break?

[Recess.]

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Hunt, at the point in your meeting with Mr. Winte—at the point where that meeting terminated, it was my understanding from your previous testimony that it was Mr. Winte's responsibility at that point to gather additional information as well as—he had expressed a desire to consult with his superiors to get authorization for both the plane and the aspect of the operation to take the plane out of the country. It was then Mr. Winte's response to gather information and check with those individuals and get back to you, is that correct?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what was the next contact you had with anyone connected with this matter?

Mr. HUNT. I could be wrong on this. To the best of my recollection, I never saw Ralph Winte again or talked with him personally by telephone. But I got a message from Winte via Mr. Bennett to the effect that the arrangements that we had been discussing had been disapproved by the top echelon of the Hughes people.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And was there any discussion with Mr. Bennett at that time as to whether or not it was desirable from your viewpoint to continue to consider the operation?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir. Again I could be wrong on this, but it seems to me that the Muskie candidacy was floundering so badly at that point—although I understand that he did not formally withdraw from the race until some months later—that Muskie no longer was a prime target for the people across the street. And I would like to try to relate this to the time in which I switched Tom Gregory from Muskie's headquarters over to McGovern headquarters.

Mr. DASH. That might be relevant. Can you remember that?

Mr. HUNT. If I could consult my notes. The notes here are not very careful. It indicates that sometime in mid-April I ordered Gregory to switch from Muskie to McGovern.

Mr. DASH. We said it was somewhere in March that Muskie withdrew—or was it in May?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I think the last time we discussed it was, the earliest it could have been when Muskie's candidacy had declined that far, was in late March. It was after the primaries in New Hampshire, Florida, and Wisconsin.

Mr. HUNT. Of course, the public opinion polls which were being published almost every day at that point would have given an indication to the people over at CREP what the trend was.

Mr. DASH. It wouldn't have been when it actually was, it was what he looked like prior to his own decision to withdraw.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I believe I understand the intention of your answer. Did you then relate this information to Mr. Liddy that it had been disapproved by Mr. Liddy's superiors?

Mr. HUNT. I did.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what was Mr. Liddy's reaction?

Mr. HUNT. Philosophical at that point. Gemstone, I am pretty sure by then had been approved, and we were busy in a multitude of directions. And his prior enthusiasm for a luxurious series of weekends in Las Vegas had been overtaken by actually a press for work, serious work that we were engaged in. In other words, he didn't contest it or question the decision.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. You mentioned in previous testimony that you had come later to understand—you had heard testimony to the effect that Mr. Liddy had gone to Las Vegas at a later time. Did you have any knowledge which indicated that at all?

Mr. HUNT. None at all.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And what was the nature of the testimony which you heard?

Mr. HUNT. I believe Mr. McCord testified that Mr. Liddy had so told him.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Independent of Mr. McCord's testimony, have you heard any indication that that was the case?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And would Mr. McCord, during the period of late March and early April, have been in regular enough contact with Mr. Liddy that the detail of his testimony is plausible? I am not asking you to testify to his accuracy, I am asking whether or not that is a plausible piece of testimony.

Mr. HUNT. I would have to qualify my answer in this way. I had assumed all along through the January-February-March period of Mr. Liddy's discussions with the electronics men, who remained unidentified to me at that time, his contacts were limited strictly to the area of electronics and electronics surveillance, budgetary matters. And it seems inconceivable to me that Mr. Liddy would have been talking at the same time to the electronics men whom I now identify as Mr. McCord on the basis of subsequent knowledge, that he would have confided in him anything having to do with the Greenspun activity.

However, since Mr. McCord could not learn of the activity from me, he must have learned about it from Mr. Liddy. To that extent I would say it is plausible. Does that answer your question?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I guess the question was directed more to the regularity of Mr. McCord's conduct, in terms of whether or not he would have been aware of Mr. Liddy's movements in general, not necessarily his itinerary, but when he was or was not out of town.

Mr. HUNT. My disadvantage there is that I don't know how often Mr. McCord was present at CREP headquarters, and whether he was in a position on the occasion of those visits to CREP headquarters to observe whether Mr. Liddy—

Mr. DASH. You know that Mr. McCord was the security officer?

Mr. HUNT. Yes, sir, I do.

Mr. DASH. And that he had his offices there, and therefore he was in daily attendance?

Mr. HUNT. Yes. But I don't know what floor he had his offices on. I know that Mr. Liddy, for example, had an office on one floor at one time and on another at another time. So, he can't be of assistance in that determination.

Mr. DASH. I would take it also that as a part of his responsibility as security officer he would have a responsibility to see to the security of all floors, I take it, in the building, and if Mr. Liddy were to be away for a period of time as security officer, I take it he might have had people assigned to either see that certain doors were locked or certain offices were secured.

Mr. HUNT. Yes; unless there was a secretary in attendance.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion at any time during the period of conversation of this operation, any mention or discussion of the fact that the type of information which was available on Senator Muskie was of a type which would link him with racketeers or a national crime syndicate or anything of that nature?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir, that was not my understanding. I remain to this

day totally ignorant of what type of derogatory information Mr. Greenspun might have had if, in fact, he had any at all.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you recall any mention at all of the possibility of him having derogatory information on Senator Humphrey?

Mr. HUNT. No, sir.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you recall any discussion on any of the occasions with Mr. Winte or on other occasions with Mr. Liddy as to the need to ascertain whether there was an alarm system within the premises of the Las Vegas Sun?

Mr. HUNT. I am quite sure that any discussion we had prior to Mr. Winte's providing me with the floor plan of the premises—which he did at the Beverly Wilshire meeting—that I, as key professional, would have discussed what alarm systems prevailed there. And we both agreed that a visual determination could be made from the outside.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And do you recall if he had made such a determination?

Mr. HUNT. Not at that point, no.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And was there any discussion between yourself and any other individual as to the possibility of future employment or retention in the sense of consulting arrangement with the Hughes Co. or any of its subsidiaries?

Mr. HUNT. For whom?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. For you or for Mr. McCord or any other individuals that would have been employed in this operation.

Mr. HUNT. If I may ask your indulgence for one moment, I can speak to that.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you want the reference to McCord's testimony?

Mr. HUNT. Yes; that is what I am looking for.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. It is page 202, paragraph 6.

Mr. HUNT. This was a confused version that I am now reading of my recollection of what happened—

Mr. ARMSTRONG. The record should show that Mr. Hunt is referring to Mr. McCord's testimony at page 202 of the published version of the Wategate and related activity hearings of this Select Committee, book 1.

Mr. HUNT. I had heard both Mr. Winte and Mr. Bennett state on different occasions their dissatisfaction with the high cost of the retainer or the fees that they pay the Intertel Corp., and I knew that Mr. McCord ran a security consulting service of some sort, the details of which I was not aware. Mr. McCord knew that the Hughes Co. was a client of my firm. And I asked him for his card, in the event that Mr. Bennett at some future time were to tell me that they wanted to make other arrangements than Intertel.

Now, the specific use I made of that card was the following. There was an employee of Mullen & Co. named Heimlich, who had, at approximately this time, told me that the company he represented or the association he represented, which was the National Association of Advertisers, was contemplating a convention in Puerto Rico, and that he was on his way over to Intertel to see if they could provide

security services, there having been some bombing at that point down in Puerto Rico. I gave him Mr. McCord's card and suggested that if he found the Intertel price too high he should consider Mr. McCord's security services. And that was what happened to Mr. McCord's card. That was the incident, as I recall it.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you recall mentioning Mr. McCord either by name or in a more general reference to either Mr. Bennett or Mr. Winte?

Mr. HUNT. No; I do not.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Do you know if Mr. Bennett was acquainted with Mr. McCord?

Mr. HUNT. I do not believe he was.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Is it possible from the nature of the continuing contact that you had over time with Mr. Bennett on this matter, and from the contact you had with Mr. Winte, that they might have gotten the impression from references you had made that you yourself were interested in some employment or consulting relationship with the Hughes Co. in a similar capacity to Intertel's?

Mr. HUNT. If they did inferentially, I would relate it to the following incident.

There came a time when Mr. Bennett—I believe this was in December—indicated to me that the Hughes Co. was very concerned over reports that Clifford Irving and his collaborator, Mr. Suskind, were writing yet another book concerning Howard Hughes, the nature of which was unknown to the Hughes Co.

Mr. Bennett specified his interest in the matter as having received a very high estimate of costs that might be incurred if Intertel were to undertake, for example, a trash-inspection operation of the Irving-Suskind trash at a home that they were renting in Westchester County somewhere while they were turning out this book, a book which was in fact eventually published.

Mr. Bennett asked me if I could come up with a reasonable estimate. And I consulted Mr. McCord at that point—no, I consulted Mr. Liddy at that point, and asked him what he thought a trash operation might cost. And I came up with a figure and gave it to Mr. Bennett.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What was Mr. Bennett's inquiry along the lines of retaining you or some group, in getting an estimate?

Mr. HUNT. Getting an estimate. He wanted something to compare against what he had been told Intertel would charge.

Mr. DASH. And did you get the impression that, to the extent it would be substantially cheaper, he might be interested in asking you, or whoever was putting up this estimate, if they could undertake it? Was that a possibility?

Mr. HUNT. That was a possibility, yes. It was not a matter of great interest. This was far afield from my normal activities. But I would have to relate your question solely to that one incident.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did you yourself have any direct interaction with any employees of Intertel at any time?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. You have mentioned, I believe, in previous testimony—which may have been in an off-the-record conversation—that you had had discussions with Mr. Liddy subsequent to all those events regarding the events and their potential disclosure. Can you summarize those discussions for us and put them in context?

Mr. HUNT. I am terribly sorry, would you repeat that question? I didn't get the basic premise.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. What discussions did you have with Mr. Liddy, subsequent to the closure of this possible operation and subsequent to your final discussion with Mr. Liddy, that the Hughes Tool Co. turned down the offer? What discussions did you have at a later point with them?

Mr. HUNT. I know that we discussed it. He accepted it philosophically. He expressed regret that we wouldn't be able to have those great times in Las Vegas. Beyond that I don't recall that we ever discussed it again.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I am thinking of discussions that would have occurred after the break-in and either during the trial or after your incarceration.

Mr. HUNT. On the Greenspun thing?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. References to this whole area, as to its disclosure.

Mr. DASH. Maybe you misunderstood the thrust of the question. Not a discussion in which the matter was brought up, but a reference back to you talking about that incident and how that incident may be treated in the future.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Whether it comprised potential conspiracy charges.

Mr. HUNT. Yes; it was at the District of Columbia jail, that is right. Thank you very much, Mr. Dash. And Mr. Liddy counseled me in effect to be very wary of the Greenspun matter, inasmuch as it could be interpreted that we had flown to California simply to consult with Winte, and that would make it an overt act in a conspiracy, even though nothing was ever carried out.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did Mr. Liddy indicate at this time that he had had any discussions with any other individual about the potential Greenspun operation?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Did he indicate any other reasons—any other aspects of why this shouldn't be brought to light other than the fact that it did comprise a potential conspiracy charge?

Mr. HUNT. No.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And approximately at what point in time was this in the period in the District of Columbia jail?

Mr. HUNT. The conversation would have taken place subsequent to my incarceration in the District of Columbia jail on March 23, 1973, and my first appearance before the Federal grand jury, which took place, I believe, the first week in April.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. And on what occasions have questions regarding this incident been put to you by any investigative group or body?

Mr. SACHS. You said incidents. Do you mean conversations?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. In what instances have questions been put to Mr. Hunt about this projected operation by any investigative body.

Mr. SACHS. You don't mean the conversation with Liddy, you mean the Greenspun conversation?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Yes.

Mr. HUNT. By the Federal grand jury.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. On which occasion?

Mr. HUNT. Without access to the transcripts I would believe that probably during my second or third appearance, and to the best of my recollection, my last appearance.

Mr. DASH. When was the last appearance?

Mr. HUNT. Last month.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Back on the record. Are there any other aspects or facts related to this matter that might help us put it in context which you would like to offer now, Mr. Hunt?

Mr. SACHS. Are you talking about Greenspun?

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Yes.

Mr. HUNT. None come to my mind at this point, Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Thank you.

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[Whereupon, the executive session hearings with Mr. Hunt on the subject of the Hughes-Rebozo investigation was recessed.]

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1973

**U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES,
*Washington, D.C.***

The Select Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 1:30 p.m., in room S-143, the Capitol.

Present: Senators Ervin and Weicker.

Also present: Samuel Dash, chief counsel and staff director; Rufus L. Edmisten, deputy chief counsel; Terry F. Lenzner, assistant chief counsel; Marc Lackritz, assistant majority counsel; Richard L. Schultz, assistant minority counsel.

[Continuation of previous unpublished testimony. Mr. Davis remains under oath.]

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Davis, you had a discussion, did you not, with Mr. Gemmill?

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Mr. DAVIS. I had a what?

Mr. LENZNER. You had a discussion or conversation with Mr. Gemmill at some point concerning the return of this \$100,000.

Mr. NELSON. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you tell us what he said to you, and what you said to him at that time?

Mr. NELSON. He said he wanted to meet me to make arrangements for the return of \$100,000, and—which he had received, which Mr. Rebozo had received from Mr. Danner.

And I, in effect, said, "Well, that is fine. What is the problem?" He said, "There is no problem, except I would just like to make arrangements." And I, in effect, said, "Well, I will take a check, a cashier's check." And he, in effect, said, "No;" he wanted to make arrangements for the delivery of currency at some time and place convenient and in such a way as he could have the record of the currency that he was delivering. I do not know how much of it went into our telephone conversation pursuant to his request. That is in substance what he told me at that time. I told him I had no objection to receiving the money on behalf of Mr. Hughes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate at that time, or at any time, what he understood the purpose of the money was?

Mr. NELSON. Do you mean the circumstances with respect to which Mr. Danner gave the money to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. NELSON. My recollection is that when I met Mr. Gemmill, I was waiting to reach Nadine Henley in order to inquire which bank account—Mr. Hughes' personal account—the money was to be de-

posited. We got into a general conversation and I told them about what my understanding was from what I had heard Mr. Danner testify to under oath, when he was interviewed by IRS.

And he said, "Well, that is basically my understanding also," which I did not inquire into or pursue with him what his client had told him, other than that kind of a general conversation. And we left on the basis of—I would let him know where, at which bank in New York, delivery was to be made.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you describe in any detail what Mr. Danner had told the IRS concerning the \$100,000?

Mr. NELSON. Did he describe?

Mr. LENZNER. Did you describe to him?

Mr. NELSON. Yes; as a matter of fact, he asked me if I would make available to him a copy of the transcript of Mr. Danner's testimony. And I told him I would have no objection to it, if Mr. Danner did not. I inquired of Mr. Danner, and Mr. Danner said he had none. And I made that available to Mr. Gemmill.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you send that to him, or did you give that to him?

Mr. NELSON. I do not remember what took place. I believe that I sent him a copy of it.

Mr. LENZNER. Is it not true, Mr. Davis, that you furnished him a copy of Mr. Danner's statement to the IRS at the Madison Hotel, here in Washington, D.C.?

Mr. DAVIS. At what hotel?

Mr. LENZNER. The Madison Hotel.

Mr. DAVIS. I do not know if it is my hearing or your pipe, but I do not understand the name of the hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. The Madison Hotel.

Mr. DAVIS. It was at the Madison Hotel that I met Mr. Gemmill. I was here on another matter, and he came in from Philadelphia to meet me. I was originally supposed to meet him at Philadelphia. And my schedule changed, and I told him I would be in Washington, if it would be convenient for him to meet me here.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you give him—

Mr. DAVIS. No; I think that I had a copy of it with me, and I think I told him, and may have showed it to him, but I believe he made a request for a copy, which I subsequently furnished to him. That is my recollection. I could be wrong.

Mr. LENZNER. You are saying, after he was advised and perhaps read what Mr. Danner told the IRS, that he stated to you that that was basically what his understanding of the transaction was? Is that your testimony?

Mr. DAVIS. That is my understanding of what he said to me; yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate that there were any discrepancies between what his client said and your client, Mr. Danner, said?

Mr. DAVIS. No. We did not discuss what Danner said to me, or Rebozo said to him. I had told him that I was aware of or had become aware of the two deliveries of \$50,000 each, and either in that conversation or in a subsequent conversation, I do not know, because what happened is, I first learned about Mr. Danner's delivery at a time when Mr. Danner was interviewed by the IRS, where he described the circumstances.

Next day, 2 days later, or shortly thereafter, Mr. Danner called me and said that he believed that he had inverted his recollection between whether the first delivery was to San Clemente, or the first delivery was in Miami or the Miami area. And I told him I did not think that was particularly important. And he said the rest of it was the same.

But I called Don Skelton, the IRS man who interviewed him, and told him about the fact that Mr. Danner wanted to correct his testimony, that the first delivery was in one place rather than the other. And Mr. Skelton, in effect, said that that was not particularly important, and as far as he was concerned, if Mr. Danner wished to do so, he could correct his testimony when the transcript of his interview would be submitted to him for signature.

And the time came when Mr. Danner was reinterviewed by IRS. I was not there, and Mr. Danner prepared and furnished IRS with an affidavit, correcting to some extent and expanding in some details the two transactions.

I am going back now to Mr. Gemmill. When he referred to the desire to return the \$100,000, I told him, in effect, I was generally familiar with the transaction because of what I had learned when Mr. Danner testified for the IRS. In other words, I was familiar with the two deliveries of \$50,000 each to Mr. Rebozo.

And that is when, as I recall, Mr. Gemmill said something to the effect, "Well, what is your understanding of what transpired?" And I believe I told him about the original uncertainty in Mr. Danner's mind as to whether the first delivery was in San Clemente, or whether the first delivery was in Key Biscayne.

Mr. Danner subsequently verified, however, he verified it, and concluded that the first one had been at San Clemente, and the second one at Key Biscayne.

Mr. LENZNER. My original question was very simple: Did Mr. Gemmill point out any discrepancies, as far as what his understanding was, as to Mr. Rebozo's recollection and Mr. Danner's recollection?

Mr. DAVIS. I am trying to answer your question by saying we did not discuss it in terms of correcting discrepancies.

Mr. LENZNER. So the answer is: He did not make any note of discrepancies?

Mr. DAVIS. My recollection of what Mr. Gemmill said, that is essentially what I understand from Mr. Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Gemmill indicate——

Mr. DAVIS. But I do not know at that point—was he referring to the first version or the second version. I do not know.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Gemmill indicate at that time why the money was being returned?

Mr. DAVIS. No, not other than to say that it was not used for the purpose intended.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate what his understanding of what that purpose was?

Mr. DAVIS. I do not have a sufficiently clear recollection to say whether it was Mr. Gemmill who said something to me, with which I agreed, or whether in the conversation, I said that was my understanding of what Mr. Danner had said, and he said that is substantially my same understanding.

I cannot separate just who said what at what time. It was just casual conversation that took place when I was trying to arrange for the details of the return of the money. It was not more than 10 or 15 minutes that we were there together.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Gemmill tell you at that time that it was Mr. Rebozo's understanding that that money was to be used in the 1972 presidential election campaign?

Dr. DAVIS. No one ever told me that, other than you; no, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate to you that the money was being returned because no instructions had been received as to which campaign the money was to be used for?

Mr. DAVIS. It was not put that way. My understanding, based upon what Mr. Danner had testified to, what Mr. Danner had told me, and what I was saying in the conversation with Mr. Gemmill, is that Mr. Danner had made two deliveries to Mr. Rebozo as a contribution to the congressional campaigns in 1970, under circumstances where Mr. Rebozo or the administration was to decide which campaign, senatorial or congressional, was to get financial support. And that Mr. Danner would—expected to be informed when that was done.

And my understanding from the conversation I had with Mr. Gemmill was that Mr. Rebozo did not receive any instructions from anybody, and that the money had remained in the safety deposit box; and he came to the conclusion that the proper thing to do was to return it.

Mr. LENZNER. I have no other questions at this time, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Glaeser is the next witness. He has already been sworn in.

Mr. DASH. Apparently on the earlier record, I think it was Mr. Davis' testimony that Mr. Glaeser did receive the money. Of course, we can make a record as to how that money was, in fact, obtained and turned over to Mr. Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Glaeser, can you first tell us—you have already been sworn—can you first tell us when you first heard about this return of the money and whom you heard it from?

TESTIMONY OF WALTER GLAESER

Mr. GLAESER. I do not understand your question. Are you asking me whether—when I first heard that I was supposed to receive some money?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes.

Mr. GLAESER. Approximately January 25.

Mr. DAVIS. You mean June 25.

Mr. GLAESER. I mean June. I am sorry.

Mr. LENZNER. Who did you hear it from, and what was said?

Mr. GLAESER. I heard it from Mr. Davis. He asked me to make arrangements for a safety deposit box to receive some cash.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he give you any other information?

Mr. GLAESER. He did not.

Mr. LENZNER. What did you do after that?

Mr. GLAESER. Two days later I made arrangements at the bank to open a safety deposit box, and to meet Mr. Gemmill.

Mr. LENZNER. How did you know which bank to make those arrangements at?

Mr. GLAESER. I asked Mr. Davis which bank should we use.

Mr. LENZNER. When did you ask him that?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not recall; probably the same day as he told me to make arrangements for a safety deposit box.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any other conversation then, at that time, concerning the reception of these funds, besides what you have already described?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And you did not ask any questions?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You did not inquire who was going to return it?

Mr. GLAESER. No—well, I knew who was going to return it; Mr. Davis mentioned that Mr. Gemmill was going to return it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you who Mr. Gemmill was?

Mr. GLAESER. No, he did not.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you why the money was being returned?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you why it should be kept in a safety deposit box?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ask you to make any record, any specific record, of it being returned?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. How did you learn it would be returned and where?

Mr. GLAESER. I called Mr. Gemmill and we arranged to meet at the safety deposit vault of Marine Midland Bank. We set a time for our meeting.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any other conversation with Mr. Gemmill at that time?

Mr. GLAESER. About what?

Mr. LENZNER. I am asking you, do you have any recollection of having any other conversation with Mr. Gemmill at the time you arranged to have this meeting?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate how much money he had?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Davis, prior to that, indicate how much money he would have?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. In whose name did you take the box out?

Mr. GLAESER. I took the box out in Mr. Davis' name.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anyone else's name on the box?

Mr. GLAESER. My own.

Mr. LENZNER. Anybody else's?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else present, by the way, when you talked with Mr. Davis about getting these funds back on the first occasion?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not believe so. I cannot recall anybody.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss the return of this money with anybody else besides Mr. Davis and Mr. Gemmill?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Gemmill indicate on the phone with you that he had the funds in his possession?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate that he did not have the funds in his possession?

Mr. GLAESER. Substantially, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Could you give us the conversation that you had with Mr. Gemmill of what he said to you and what you said to him?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not recall the conversation except to the extent that Mr. Gemmill was going to accept delivery of the money from somebody else, who was also going to meet us at the bank.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he say who that was?

Mr. GLAESER. No; he did not. I think I knew the name once, but I just do not remember.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ask him any questions about what this other person was doing with the funds?

Mr. GLAESER. No; I did not.

Mr. LENZNER. At this time, I take it, you still did not know why the money was being returned, or how much was being returned?

Mr. GLAESER. At the time the arrangements were made; no, I did not.

Mr. LENZNER. When did you first learn how much was being returned?

Mr. GLAESER. When Mr. Gemmill opened the packages.

Mr. LENZNER. And when was that?

Mr. GLAESER. On June 27.

Mr. LENZNER. At the bank?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know why the Marine Midland Bank was chosen for that purpose?

Mr. GLAESER. No; not particularly. It is a bank that Mr. Davis uses for a number of his accounts.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you, on prior occasions, opened up other safety deposit boxes at that bank?

Mr. GLAESER. I have not.

Mr. LENZNER. At other banks?

Mr. GLAESER. I have not, no.

Mr. LENZNER. When Mr. Gemmill came in, was he carrying the money with him at that time?

Mr. GLAESER. No; he was not.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have a conversation with Mr. Gemmill at the bank?

Mr. GLAESER. Briefly, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Could you tell us what he said to you, and what you said to him at that time?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Gemmill and I were waiting for a third person to come in, and the only conversation we had had to do with the size of the lockboxes we were going to rent, and neither of us knew which kind to rent.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Gemmill indicate at that time how much money he was turning over?

Mr. GLAESER. No; he did not.

Mr. LENZNER. Had Mr. Davis, before you went to the bank, given you any instructions as to what records to maintain?

Mr. GLAESER. No; he did not.

Mr. LENZNER. You had no instructions at all?

Mr. GLAESER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. So you were not instructed not to make any markings on the bills or to keep a record of the bills, or do anything else?

Mr. GLAESER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. A list of serial numbers?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. I take it, soon after that, a third person arrived at the bank with the money in the envelope.

Mr. GLAESER. That is correct.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that Mr. William Griffin?

Mr. GLAESER. It might have been, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you meet Mr. Griffin?

Mr. GLAESER. I was introduced to Mr. Griffin. He stayed a moment and left, and Mr. Gemmill and Mr. Griffin exchanged some identification or something of the kind, and Mr. Griffin—if that was the man it is—immediately left.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you aware at that time that Mr. Griffin represented Mr. Abplanalp?

Mr. GLAESER. No; I did not.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you talked with or met with Mr. Griffin since that time?

Mr. GLAESER. No; I have not. I have not seen him.

Mr. LENZNER. Could you just describe what Mr. Griffin had with him, and what did he do with whatever he had with him after he arrived?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Griffin had a completely wrapped package, and I think he introduced himself to Mr. Gemmill. And Mr. Gemmill showed him a letter of identification or something. Mr. Griffin—if that is the man it is—turned over the package and left.

Mr. LENZNER. It was not opened in his presence?

Mr. GLAESER. It was not opened in his presence.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he obtain a receipt for it?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not believe so. I do not recall. I may have been out of the room momentarily, indicating the size lockbox that I wanted to rent.

Mr. LENZNER. Are you saying now that you were not there the entire time that Mr. Griffin and Mr. Gemmill were in the room?

Mr. GLAESER. I said I may not have been. It could have been only 30 seconds, or something like that, if I was out.

Mr. LENZNER. After Mr. Griffin left, what did you and Mr. Gemmill do?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Gemmill opened the package and we proceeded to check the bills against the inventory that was provided.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you describe what was inside the package when it was opened, and who opened it?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Gemmill opened it, and as I recall, there were two packages. They were either folders or manila. I am not sure which any more. But Mr. Gemmill did the unwrapping.

Mr. LENZNER. What happened to those folders?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Gemmill retained them.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any writing on the folders?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not know.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there currency in each of the folders?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the nature of the currency when it was in the folders that you observed?

Mr. GLAESER. The nature of the currency?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes.

Mr. GLAESER. What do you mean by the nature?

Mr. LENZNER. Was it loose? Was it tied together?

Mr. GLAESER. It was—there were piles of it, and as I indicated yesterday, rubberbands around them.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there anything else holding the money besides rubberbands?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. How many packages of money were there wrapped in rubberbands?

Mr. GLAESER. I think 10, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Were they all \$100 bills, to your observation?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you make a record of what the money was, what currency was there?

Mr. GLAESER. A record was provided, and we checked the serial numbers of the bills against the record of the bills that were provided.

Mr. LENZNER. By whom?

Mr. GLAESER. It was in the package.

Mr. LENZNER. What exactly was in the package? What was the record?

Mr. GLAESER. The inventory of the 1,000 bills, the same inventory that was provided to you yesterday.

Mr. LENZNER. That is a list of serial numbers?

Mr. GLAESER. That is correct.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it on yellow sheets?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it a Xeroxed copy?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. I would think, Mr. Chairman, we might desist.

Mr. DASH. We should desist now and make a record of what has now occurred.

Mr. DAVIS. Before we proceed on another matter, Mr. Chairman, may I have on the record, the ruling that all of the objections that I expressed yesterday and today are still applicable to the testimony of this witness?

Senator ERVIN. All that you made yesterday; I do not know that you have made any today. You mean your general objection to the testimony on the ground that it was taken in executive session rather than open?

Mr. DAVIS. [Nods affirmatively.]

Senator ERVIN. I understand that you protested that sufficiently, and all of this testimony, in my judgment, you have made it very

clear, is taken over your protest on the ground that you believe you have a legal right, under the statute and under the Constitution, to have it taken in open session, rather than closed.

Mr. DAVIS. Thank you, sir.

Mr. DASH. Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a record as to the time of this—I made a record of the time when the gentlemen left—that at 5:50 p.m., on December 4, 1973, Mr. Rufus Edmisten and Mr. Marc Lackritz and Dubin—is it?—Yes, and Dave Dubin returned to the room in which the committee has been in session. They have returned with two manila envelopes; one marked, "Exhibit No. 1" and the other marked "Exhibit No. 2"; both dated exhibits are December 4, 1973, with the initials MEH on both exhibits.

And I wonder, Mr. Chairman, now, so that we can have a record of what occurred during the absence of these three gentlemen, if Mr. Rufus Edmisten could be sworn, and we could take a brief testimony as to what occurred.

Senator ERVIN. Mr. Edmisten, would you raise your right hand? Do you swear that the evidence that you should give to the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, should be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

Mr. Edmisten. I do.

Mr. DASH. Mr. Edmisten, you are the deputy chief counsel for the committee?

TESTIMONY OF RUFUS EDMISTEN

Mr. EDMISTEN. Yes, Mr. Dash.

Mr. DASH. And you did take the two envelopes, which were given in your custody from the committee room. Were these the envelopes, exhibit 1 and exhibit 2, which were identical envelopes, which Mr. Davis submitted to the committee on the subpoena?

Mr. EDMISTEN. They are, and they were carried by Mr. Dubin.

Mr. DASH. OK. They were carried by Mr. Dubin.

Mr. EDMISTEN. Under our observation.

Mr. DASH. Together with Mr. Dubin and Mr. Lackritz, where did you go from this committee room?

Mr. EDMISTEN. We went to the Select Committee office, which is in G-308, New Senate Office Building, and proceeded to the Xerox machine; where I asked Mr. Joseph T. Kelly to commence with the Xeroxing, and he was assisted by Miss Deborah P. Herbst, who served as the clerk during the photostating.

Mr. DASH. Can you just briefly describe how you proceeded with the money in the envelopes, to Xerox this money?

Mr. EDMISTEN. Each package of money was individually Xeroxed, five bills at a time. Finishing each package, we then took the Xeroxed material, placed it in an envelope, and labeled it as "envelope 1, package 1, sheets 1-30". We proceeded through the 10 packs of bills in the same manner, with notations being taken by Miss Herbst also. We were accompanied by officers Milton Hartford, Detective Daniel Marfino, Sgt. Lee A. Brierly, B-r-i-e-r-l-y, and Deputy Chief of the Capitol Police, Robert E. Krahling, K-r-a-h-l-i-n-g.

Mr. DASH. And was the currency that was in the envelope marked as exhibit 1 and exhibit 2 at all times, in your observation?

Mr. EDMISTEN. It was at all times in my observation.

Mr. DASH. Did you see that currency leave, for the purposes of Xeroxing it, each time?

Mr. EDMISTEN. In fact, I watched each bill being Xeroxed.

Mr. DASH. And each time a bill was Xeroxed, or a pack was Xeroxed, did you see those identical bills in the pack, returned to the envelope?

Mr. EDMISTEN. It was returned with the concurrence of Mr. Dubin.

Mr. DASH. All the bills that were in these envelopes were returned to the envelopes, is that your testimony?

Mr. EDMISTEN. All bills are in the identical packs and the identical series in which they came, with the identical rubberbands.

Mr. DASH. And you have, in your possession, the Xeroxed copies of each one of those bills?

Mr. EDMISTEN. Yes, and that totals—

Mr. DASH. Are they marked accordingly?

Mr. EDMISTEN. They are marked accordingly, totaling 10 packages with the sheets identified by page number in them. My initials appear and the date, and they are in the Select Committee envelopes used by the Select Committee.

Mr. DASH. Now, Mr. Chairman, I think that makes the record of the return of the "going forth and coming back" of the money. But Mr. Lackritz was there and also Mr. Dubin. I wonder, Mr. Lackritz, as a committee staff member, if Mr. Lackritz would be sworn in and just confirm?

Senator ERVIN. Would you hold up your right hand? Do you swear that the evidence that you shall give to the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. LACKRITZ. I do.

Mr. DASH. Mr. Lackritz, you are an assistant counsel of the committee. You heard Mr. Edmisten testify. Would your testimony be identical to his testimony?

TESTIMONY OF MARC LACKRITZ

Mr. LACKRITZ. Yes; it would, Mr. Dash.

Mr. DASH. I have no further questions.

Mr. Dubin, you have heard the testimony of both Mr. Lackritz and Mr. Edmisten—we should swear Mr. Dubin.

Senator ERVIN. Do you swear that the evidence that you shall give the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Mr. DUBIN. I do, sir.

Mr. DASH. Mr. Dubin, you have heard the testimony of Mr. Edmisten. To the best of your recollection and knowledge, is this testimony true and correct?

TESTIMONY OF DAVID DUBIN

Mr. DUBIN. True and accurate.

Mr. DASH. I have no further questions.

Senator ERVIN. I think we should identify these and let the records show that we gave it back to Mr. Davis.

Mr. DASH. I take, Mr. Chairman, both of the envelopes which have just been delivered into our custody on this desk in front of you—these have been testified to be the identical envelopes that were given to us by Mr. Davis and which it has been testified that the money that was in these envelopes has been replaced exactly as it was in the envelopes, and I now return them to Mr. Davis.

Mr. DAVIS. I regret to accept it.

Mr. DASH. Let the record show that Mr. Davis has accepted the two envelopes and they are no longer in the committee's possession, but are in Mr. Davis' possession.

Senator ERVIN. I would like to see if we could make provisions for the Capitol Police to give a police escort to Mr. Davis. I understand that there are facilities at the Statler Hilton to put those in a safe.

Mr. DAVIS. I believe that there is, as long as I am a guest there.

Mr. EDMISTEN. That provision has been taken care of already.

Senator ERVIN. You have? About the police?

Mr. EDMISTEN. Yes.

Senator ERVIN. Of course, nobody knew what Mr. Davis was bringing when he came down, but there may be several people that know, or suspect what he has now, and I think he is entitled to protection until he can put them into a safe.

Mr. DASH. Mr. Lenzner, I do not know how long Senator Ervin and Senator Weicker have been here—an exceedingly long period of time because of the need of xeroxing. I do think, although your line of questioning went to the original money that we have not established how these bills came to Mr. Davis' custody and possession, prior to giving it to us. And if you can, very quickly, establish that?

Mr. LENZNER. I have one other question on the other line. When you checked the list that was in the package, did that list reflect the same serial numbers that were on the bills when you went through them?

TESTIMONY OF WALTER GLAESER—Resumed

Mr. GLAESER. There were one or two minor areas which in the inventory, I think you have, will show the corrections.

Mr. LENZNER. And you corrected them?

Mr. GLAESER. That is correct.

Mr. LENZNER. And have you had access, or do you know if anyone else has had access to those bills since that time?

Mr. GLAESER. Since which time?

Mr. LENZNER. June 27—whenever it was that you first put them in.

Mr. GLAESER. Yes. On October 10, I think, Mr. Gemmill and Mr. Davis, and I mentioned yesterday two people from the IRS who came in to examine them.

Mr. LENZNER. Since October 10, has anyone had access to them, prior to yesterday?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes; somewhere subsequent to October 10, Mr. Winney had an opportunity to examine them.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember what day that was?

Mr. GLAESER. No; I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. Who was there besides Mr. Winney?

Mr. GLAESER. Myself.

Mr. LENZNER. At whose request was the money made available to Mr. Winney?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Davis'.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember the date when that happened?

Mr. GLAESER. No; I do not. Sometime after October 10. I can verify it.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you there during the period of time Mr. Winney was there with the money?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. What did you observe Mr. Winney doing with the money?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Winney was examining the money with the idea of seeing whether or not there were any marks that would identify its source.

Mr. LENZNER. And did he make any marks himself on the money?

Mr. GLAESER. No, he did not.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he make any notes of his observations?

Mr. GLAESER. I think he did, a few, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And did he conclude that he could or could not determine the origins?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not know what his conclusion was.

Mr. LENZNER. Did anybody else, besides the time you showed it to the IRS and the time you gave access to Mr. Winney?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you tell us approximately when you requested yesterday, to obtain the funds from the bank to bring them to Washington, D.C.?

Mr. GLAESER. Oh, I suppose about 7 p.m.

Mr. LENZNER. 7 p.m. last night?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Who made that request?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else present?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, who was present?

Mr. GLAESER. Well, there were a number of us in the room.

Mr. LENZNER. Who was there?

Mr. GLAESER. I cannot name all of the people. Mr. Dubin was there, Mr. Danner was there, Mr. Anderson was there, a number of other people.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there anybody there besides Hughes' employees or Summa Corp. employees, and Mr. Davis' law partners or colleagues—law associates?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes, there were some members of a Washington, D.C., law firm there.

Mr. LENZNER. Who were they and what firm was it?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not know the firm.

Mr. LENZNER. What were the names of the people, do you know?

Mr. DAVIS. Is this really relevant, Mr. Chairman, as to that kind of detail? It seems to me that we are going pretty far afield into the manner in which I conduct my affairs as counsel.

Senator ERVIN. I think this could be summarized a little more briefly, perhaps. In other words, I can—I do not understand—I understand the object of the counsel is to show the same money was received and put in the safety deposit box with the money that was brought to this committee.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you object to having Mr. Glaeser answer that question?

Mr. DAVIS. I object to your inquiring into an area which seems to be wholly irrelevant, except to curiosity as to the manner in which I conduct my affairs.

Senator ERVIN. I do not know whether I understood the question, but I thought he was asking who was present at the time the money was—

Mr. DAVIS. At the time I made the request to return the money, the witness described or identified a number of people and counsel pressed into attempting to identify with greater detail what other law firms or other lawyers might have been there. And if the idea of the question is to whether Mr. Gemmill was there, he can ask him if Mr. Gemmill was there, but—

Senator ERVIN. What is counsel trying to show?

Mr. LENZNER. I am trying to determine whether there were other witnesses who we have interrogated, or are going to be interrogated, whose attorneys were present.

Senator ERVIN. Ask him whether those particular people were there. I think it would be a leading question, but it would save time.

Mr. DAVIS. I have no objection to him asking specifically about some people who he thinks affect what took place, were there or not.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, I can go through the whole list, Senator, it would be easier for him to just tell us—was Mr. Frates, Mr. Gemmill present last night?

Mr. GLAESER. Not that I know of.

Mr. DAVIS. I can tell you now that there were no other lawyers than those associated with me in one business or another, but if you want to draw the distinction between lawyers who are in my office or lawyers who work in another office, but who are associated with me and have nothing to do with Mr. Gemmill, Rebozo, or anybody else—

Mr. LENZNER. What did you do—when did you leave for New York to get the money?

Mr. GLAESER. About 8 o'clock this morning.

Mr. LENZNER. And were you alone or with somebody else?

Mr. GLAESER. I was with somebody else.

Mr. LENZNER. Who was that?

Mr. GLAESER. Jack—

Mr. DAVIS. Kromer—Jack Kromer.

Mr. GLAESER. Jack Kromer.

Mr. LENZNER. And you went to the bank in New York and took the funds out of the safety deposit box that you had rented?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there anything else in the box at that time?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. So that when you left the box this morning, the box was empty?

Mr. GLAESER. The old envelopes are still in the box, they are Marine Midland envelopes on which I have made notations and so forth, that I felt were pertinent.

Mr. LENZNER. Were the funds in basically the same shape when you observed them, basically in the same situation, wrapped in rubber-bands in the 10 piles that they were when you put them in there?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And was Mr. Kromer with you in the bank?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you sign a receipt or leave anything with the bank to show that you had taken money?

Mr. GLAESER. No. I signed in, as you have to in a safety deposit box, that is all.

Mr. LENZNER. And you sealed the envelopes and brought them to Mr. Davis.

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Where did you bring them to Mr. Davis?

Mr. GLAESER. When, or where?

Mr. LENZNER. Where?

Mr. GLAESER. The Statler Hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. Approximately what time?

Mr. GLAESER. 1:30.

Mr. LENZNER. And was anyone else present when you delivered those funds to Mr. Davis?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes, Mr. Kromer was present.

Mr. LENZNER. Anybody else?

Mr. GLAESER. The same—were you there? I didn't remember.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Danner or any other attorney there?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Danner may have been there, I think Mr. Danner was there. There was another attorney there, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Were the packages opened at that time?

Mr. GLAESER. They were sealed and then delivered.

Mr. LENZNER. Were they opened after you delivered them, in your presence?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Who opened them?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. And what was done after they were opened?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not know—put in his bag, I guess.

Mr. LENZNER. I mean, after the packages were opened, was the money taken out and inspected?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not know.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you leave the room after they were opened?

Mr. GLAESER. I was in another room.

Mr. LENZNER. So you brought the packages in, gave them to Mr. Davis, saw him open the packages, and then you left, is that correct?

Mr. GLAESER. Well, I was in another room. Mr. Davis has a suite and he was in one room and I was in another room. I was starting to eat some lunch.

Mr. LENZNER. But you delivered them personally to Mr. Davis, did you not?

Mr. GLAESER. That is correct.

Mr. LENZNER. And then you left the room, or he left the room?

Mr. GLAESER. There are two rooms and you go back and forth and I do not know who was leaving the room.

Mr. LENZNER. I am asking you what you observed. Did you observe Mr. Davis open—

Mr. GLAESER. I observed Mr. Davis open the package and that is all I observed.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you observe Mr. Davis doing anything with the funds at all?

Mr. GLAESER. No, I did not.

Mr. LENZNER. I have no other questions. Dick, do you have any?

Senator ERVIN. Senator Weicker and myself are going to have to go and vote, and if this is the end of the day—

Senator WEICKER. Is there anything further here in the way of questions or is this the end?

Mr. SCHULTZ. I just have a couple of questions.

Senator WEICKER. All right, fine.

Mr. LENZNER. We can wrap it up right now and you do not have to come back, Senator.

Senator WEICKER. Sam, are you coming back?

Senator ERVIN. No, I am not.

Senator WEICKER. I am not either. I do not see that there is any—

Mr. DASH. Thank you, Senators, for waiting.

Mr. DAVIS. We are finished as far as I am concerned.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Schultz has some questions and then we will be finished.

Mr. DAVIS. What?

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Schultz has some questions, Mr. Davis.

Mr. DAVIS. With no one here to rule on my objection?

Mr. DASH. They will be reserved, they don't have to be answered, you can reserve them.

Mr. DAVIS. Well, what are the questions? This is a "nonexecutive" session, is that it?

Mr. DASH. It is continued.

Mr. LACKRITZ. We are still on the record.

Mr. LENZNER. Go ahead.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Do you have an objection to proceeding in this manner? If you do, we will call them back and proceed later.

Mr. DAVIS. It is no worse than what has happened to date, so you can ask your questions and we will see what your questions are.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When you received the money from Mr. Gemmill, did you give him the receipt?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And was this a receipt that you executed at the time?

Mr. GLAESER. It had been typed out on Mr. Gemmill's copy of the transmittal letter, and I signed it.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was this transmittal letter then, in with the package of money?

Mr. GLAESER. That is correct.

Mr. SCHULTZ. But you had not seen it prior—until you opened the package?

Mr. GLAESER. That is correct.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And did you sign in your own name, for someone, or just your own name?

Mr. GLAESER. I think I signed in my own name.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was this receipt addressed to you?

Mr. GLAESER. I do not know, I just do not remember the wording.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I was thinking—if the receipt had been typed in anticipation of someone signing it, it would have been something more than a “to whom it may concern.” Do you have any recollection if the receipt was directed to the Summa Corp., or Mr. Davis?

Mr. GLAESER. I doubt it very much. I think it was just a two-line receipt indicating: this is to acknowledge receipt of the number of bills or something described in the attached envelope. I think I signed it and put a little notation, as I recall, subject to minor corrections.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you also date it?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes, it is dated.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Not “was it dated” but “did you” date it?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes, it was dated.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And it was dated the date you accepted the funds?

Mr. GLAESER. I believe so, yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Do you know who prepared the receipt?

Mr. GLAESER. No, I do not, but I presume it was Mr. Gemmill.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Because you had had an arrangement to meet him there?

Mr. GLAESER. That is correct.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Who has access to this box in the Marine Midland Bank?

Mr. GLAESER. Who has access?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Who has access to it?

Mr. GLAESER. Mr. Davis and myself.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Are each of the entries logged by the bank?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you bring with you any bank records showing the number of entries to this particular box?

Mr. GLAESER. No, I did not.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Counsel, would you be willing to furnish that to the committee?

Mr. DAVIS. I will take it under consideration.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And you will advise us later of your response?

Mr. DAVIS. I will advise you later, as to whether I will or will not.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Thank you. To your knowledge, have you been in the company of Mr. Davis, or anyone else, who has been given access to this box at any time since June 25 or 27?

Mr. GLAESER. To this box?

Mr. SCHULTZ. To this box.

Mr. GLAESER. To my knowledge, no.

Mr. SCHULTZ. So there have been occasions when someone has gone to this box without your presence?

Mr. GLAESER. No, sir, not that I know of, unless Mr. Davis went.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right, I'm sorry, I phrased the question poorly. Let me rephrase it, do you know of any access to the box when you were not present?

Mr. GLAESER. No, I do not.

Mr. SCHULTZ. But it is your testimony that your presence is not required for access to the box by Mr. Davis?

Mr. GLAESER. That is correct.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When the package was opened, the money—you and Mr. Gemmill—I believe you said Mr. Gemmill, opened it?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you consolidate any of the packages, or did you put them in the box exactly the way they came in the envelope?

Mr. GLAESER. I put them in the Marine Midland Bank in exactly the same manner in which they came delivered to Mr. Gemmill, which was a package "A" and a package "B," and I kept these two separate.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And did you put them back in the envelopes in which they were delivered to you?

Mr. GLAESER. No, I did not.

Mr. SCHULTZ. You put them in different envelopes?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And where did you get these envelopes?

Mr. GLAESER. From the bank.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Were they obtained at the time that you received the money, or did you have them in preparation?

Mr. GLAESER. They were obtained at the time that I received the money.

Mr. SCHULTZ. You mentioned that there were some minor errors which you corrected and so noted in the receipt. What were these minor errors?

Mr. GLAESER. Well, a "6" instead of a "5" or an "a" instead of a "b" or something. If you look at your inventory—

Mr. SCHULTZ. But it is in relation to the series—the serial numbers?

Mr. GLAESER. Only the serial numbers, that is correct. We got into considerable language yesterday on that subject.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Yes. Did Mr. Gemmill also acknowledge these changes and your signature on this receipt?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes, sir.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And did he date the receipt also?

Mr. GLAESER. Well, as I said before, I think so, but I do not know. To be quite—it seems unlikely that we would not date it if it had not been.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When you brought the money down from New York today, did you have one package or two?

Mr. GLAESER. I had two.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And are the packages that we view here this afternoon, the same packages that you prepared the money for transportation this morning?

Mr. DASH. There was an initial—I noticed on the seal that was broken, did you initial it?

Mr. GLAESER. I think Kromer did that.

Mr. DASH. Do you want to examine this so you can testify for the record?

Mr. GLAESER. These are the packages, yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. How do you know that?

Mr. GLAESER. I know it is a Marine Midland Bank on there and I noticed the "A" and "B" which are in my handwriting, and there are Mr. Kromer's initials.

Mr. SCHULTZ. In other words, you see some identifying marks that you placed on the envelope?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Thank you.

Mr. DAVIS. Just—it's too bad that we all haven't had enough police training.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you keep a copy of the receipt that you executed for Mr. Gemmill?

Mr. GLAESER. I did not.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I have no further questions.

Mr. LENZNER. When you counted the money, you found there were 100,000 \$100 bills, is that right?

Mr. GLAESER. 1,001.

Mr. LENZNER. 100,001?

Mr. GLAESER. No, 1,001 \$100 bills.

Mr. LACKRITZ. No, no, no.

Mr. LENZNER. 1,001, \$100 bills is what you found, right?

Mr. GLAESER. Right.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there an explanation why there was one extra \$100 bill there?

Mr. GLAESER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if there was any explanation furnished for that other \$100?

Mr. GLAESER. I have no explanation at all.

Mr. SCHULTZ. If I understand your testimony, you have no reason to believe that that is an extra \$100 bill. You had no idea, according to your testimony, how much was to be——

Mr. DAVIS. I think the record ought to reflect that the witness was following the lead of Mr. Lenzner.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I am asking. I am not trying to cross-examine him. Is that true? Did I misunderstand?

Mr. GLAESER. What is your question?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Whether there is an extra amount of money there, or not, you really did not know, because I believe you had testified you had no idea how much money was coming, is that correct? Or did I misunderstand you?

Mr. GLAESER. The transmittal letter made specific reference to the fact that there was one extra bill.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Thank you.

Mr. GLAESER. I think you will notice that in the copy that you have——

Mr. LENZNER. When the packages were opened on June 27, did you say that there was—that any of the bills were wrapped in anything other than rubberbands?

Mr. GLAESER. No, I testified to that yesterday and today. The only thing that was around the packages of bills were rubberbands.

Mr. LENZNER. When you replaced the bills with rubberbands, were they placed in the same order that they were when you received them?

Mr. GLAESER. They were placed in the same packages, I do not know whether "A-1" was after "A-3" and then "A-2," I have no idea.

Mr. LENZNER. My question was: Were they placed in the same sequence as——

Mr. GLAESER. Are you talking about the packages or the bills themselves?

Mr. LENZNER. The bills themselves.

Mr. GLAESER. The bills themselves were put in the sequence of the serial number listing on the inventory.

Mr. LENZNER. That was not my question. As you took the bills out and counted them, did you then—after you got through with one package of them—did you put them back in the same order that you had taken them out?

Mr. GLAESER. I don't understand your question, Mr. Lenzner. We put them back in an envelope, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. When you wrapped them, when you rewrapped them with rubberbands, were they in the same sequence?

Mr. GLAESER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. As they were, when they came?

Mr. GLAESER. They came in the sequence listed on the inventory and that is the way they were put back.

Mr. LENZNER. That's all I have.

[Whereupon, at 6:20 p.m., the hearing in the above-entitled matter adjourned.]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1973

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES,
Washington, D.C.

The Select Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 10:10 a.m., in room G-334, Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Present: Terry Lenzner, assistant chief counsel; Marc Lackritz, assistant majority counsel; Richard Schultz, assistant minority counsel; Lee Sheehy and Ms. Emily Sheketoff, research assistants.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Let the record show that this is a continuation of the executive session which was begun on December 3, 1973, and present for interview this morning is Mr. Robert Wearley, W-e-a-r-l-e-y, and he is represented by his counsel, Mr. Solomon Freedman. Before we begin, Mr. Freedman, do you have any statement for the record?

Mr. FREEDMAN. No, except that I would like to note that no Senator is present.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I am sorry, Mr. Freedman.

Mr. FREEDMAN. No Senator is present.

Mr. SCHULTZ. That is correct. There is no Senator present at the beginning of this session, and this was by agreement with Mr. Davis, Mr. Chester Davis, general counsel for the Summa Corp.

**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT F. WEARLEY, ACCOMPANIED BY SOLOMON
FREEDMAN, COUNSEL**

Mr. SCHULTZ. Mr. Wearley, may we have your full name for the record, please?

Mr. WEARLEY. Robert F. Wearley, W-e-a-r-l-e-y—Robert Franklin.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And what is your residence address?

Mr. WEARLEY. 2545 Paradise Village Way, Las Vegas, Nev., ZIP code 89120.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And what is your home telephone number?

Mr. WEARLEY. 739-8108, area code 702.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And where are you presently employed?

Mr. WEARLEY. Summa Corp., P.O. Box 309, Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And do you maintain an office in the Summa Corp. headquarters?

Mr. WEARLEY. My office is in the old Bonanza Office Building at McCarran International Airport.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I am appreciative of that information, which is what I am seeking, but do you maintain an office in the Summa Corp. headquarters?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And that is at what airfield?

Mr. WEARLEY. McCarran.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And where is that located in relation to Las Vegas, how many miles from Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. Three.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Three miles?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Wait a minute. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. SCHULTZ. Do you have a staff that reports to you, Mr. Wearley?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. How many are on your staff?

Mr. WEARLEY. Seven.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Would you identify for us, please, the staff members and their function?

Mr. WEARLEY. Merle S. Parsons, pilot; Charles R. Wilson, pilot; James Hildegard, pilot; Edward B. Neal, N-e-a-l, pilot; Warren G. Batchelor, B-a-t-c-h-e-l-o-r, pilot; Carroll Smith, C-a-r-r-o-l-l Smith, mechanic-flight engineer; Jan D. Moore, J-a-n D. Moore, mechanic.

Mr. SCHULTZ. M-o-o-r-e?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right. That's it.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Do you have any secretarial help assigned to your office?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. I do have one part-time employee who is in records administration. His name is Charles Rouse, R-o-u-s-e. He works approximately 4 days per month.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And does he work 4 days a month for you, and the rest of the time for the Summa Corp., or is he just a parttime employee, period?

Mr. WEARLEY. He works the rest of the time at the Landmark Hotel, which is part of the Summa Corp.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Are you employed by the Summa Corp.?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And who is your supervisor?

Mr. WEARLEY. Jack Real, R-e-a-l.

Mr. SCHULTZ. How long have you been with the Summa Corp.?

Mr. WEARLEY. January 15, 1966.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And prior to that, where were you employed?

Mr. WEARLEY. U.S. Air Force, 17 years.

Mr. SCHULTZ. What was your rank when you retired?

Mr. WEARLEY. Major. I am currently on reserve status as a major.

Mr. SCHULTZ. How did you happen to become employed by the Summa Corp.?

Mr. WEARLEY. A former wing commander, Jerome Triola from Tinker Air Force Base, retired, and was hired by General Nigro, retired General Nigro, who was employed by the Hughes Tool Co. at that time. Triola hired me, or made me an offer for the job of chief pilot for Hughes Nevada Operations.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Who were you interviewed by, if anyone, prior to your taking this job with the exception of, or outside of Jerome Triola?

Mr. WEARLEY. General Nigro.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Anyone else?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When you began with the Hughes Tool Co. in 1966, was Mr. Triola your supervisor?

Mr. WEARLEY. 1969, January 15, 1969.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think you misspoke before. You originally said 1966.

Mr. WEARLEY. Did I? It was 1969. I am sorry.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right, in 1969, then, was Mr. Triola your supervisor?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And what was his title with the company?

Mr. WEARLEY. Manager, Hughes Nevada Airport Operations.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And how long did this supervisory capacity last with Mr. Triola?

Mr. WEARLEY. Approximately 8 months.

Mr. SCHULTZ. What was the circumstance surrounding the termination of this supervisory relationship with Mr. Triola?

Mr. WEARLEY. Streamline reporting, change in management.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, did Mr. Triola go on to other responsibilities?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. Triola stayed in that capacity. I merely reported to a different man, Francis Fox, who was at that time director of aviation, I guess director of aviation, Hughes Tool Co. was his title.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Don't guess.

Mr. SCHULTZ. To the best of your recollection he was director of aviation?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my recollection.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Where was Mr. Fox located? Where was his office?

Mr. WEARLEY. His office was in the Frontier Hotel at the Hughes Nevada Operations offices, Nevada general offices.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And where was Mr. Triola's office?

Mr. WEARLEY. At the executive terminal, Hughes executive terminal, McCarran Airport.

Mr. SCHULTZ. How long, then, did you report to Mr. Fox?

Mr. WEARLEY. Until December of 1970.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And then December of 1970, then, did you report to Mr. Real?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, John Seymour, S-e-y-m-o-u-r.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And what was Mr. Seymour's title?

Mr. WEARLEY. Director of aviation services, Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And where was Mr. Seymour's office located?

Mr. WEARLEY. Adjacent to Francis Fox's office.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Is there any particular reason for the change in your reporting, or was it merely a change in management proceedings?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Why don't you tell them what happened, how you were informed of this. I guess that's what is being asked. Is that it?

Mr. SCHULTZ. What were the circumstances that——

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, if you know.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, certainly all of the questions are if he knows.

Mr. WEARLEY. In December of that year, myself, Charles Wilson and Joe Williams, who was working for us at that time, were attending refresher ground-school training at Flight Safety, Inc., La Guardia Airport in New York when we were advised—actually, we weren't advised. We saw on the television news that Robert Maheu, or that Mr. Hughes had left Las Vegas and that there were some management problems within the company.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, I think you have got it mixed up a little bit. You've got Mr. Hughes leaving Nevada and something about Mr. Maheu. Can you clarify that?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, I reported directly to Francis Fox, but my flight instructions were taken from Mr. Maheu's office. After the refresher training I returned to Los Angeles International Airport where our aircraft was undergoing an annual inspection. I picked up the airplane with Charles Wilson and flew the aircraft to Las Vegas, Nev., locked it up in the hangar and awaited instructions, which came from John Seymour, that he was advised by the board of directors of the Hughes Tool Co. to inform me that if I flew the aircraft for Robert Maheu I would be liable, held liable, at which time he informed me that I would be reporting to him.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That is Mr. — who told you this?

Mr. WEARLEY. Seymour.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And was this conversation and direction confirmed by Mr. Fox, your previous supervisor?

Mr. WEARLEY. It was confirmed later in writing by the board, or a member of the board.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And what member of the board confirmed it to you in writing?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, it was Collier.

Mr. SCHULTZ. What is Mr. Collier's first name, do you know?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall right now.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Now, from 1969 through December 1970, did you have any other pilots or employees on your staff than your have previously mentioned?

Mr. WEARLEY. Joseph Williams.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And did Mr. Williams terminate his employment during the year 1970?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. To the best of my knowledge, it was February, 1971.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Where is Mr. Williams now, do you know?

Mr. WEARLEY. Denver, Colo., chief pilot for Tiger International Oil.

Mr. SCHULTZ. As chief pilot for the Summa Corp., do you have direct control over each of the other pilots?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. You supervise their work and give them directions as to what activities they should engage in?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, with the exception, when they are on a flight with passengers, they take their directions from the principal passenger on board.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Mr. Wearley, how many aircraft do you have?

How many aircraft do you have at your disposal?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Now?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Now.

Mr. WEARLEY. There are two aircraft assigned to the corporate air transportation of the Summa Corp.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And what type of aircraft are these?

Mr. WEARLEY. Cessna 421B and Lockheed Jetstar.

Mr. SCHULTZ. From the inception of your employ, 1969, how many aircraft have you had over the years? Are these the only aircraft you have had since you have been employed with Hughes?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. Initially we had a Hawker Siddley D.H. 125.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Could you spell that, please?

Mr. WEARLEY. Hawker Siddley, H-a-w-k-e-r S-i-d-d-l-e-y, D. H.—dog, hotel—125. We had a Cessna 402 and a Cessna 414.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Were these three aircraft that you just mentioned retired or sold?

Mr. WEARLEY. The De Haviland was sold in September of this year. The 402 and the 414 were traded to the airport operations for the Cessna 421 in the summer of 1971.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Now, would the trade of these aircraft and sale of the De Haviland have been under your direction and decision?

Mr. WEARLEY. I influenced the trade of the two Cessnas to the airport operations for the Cessna 421. The De Haviland sale was at the direction of Mr. Real through Mr. John Seymour.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right. Was there anybody between Mr. Seymour and Mr. Real that you reported to?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. Well, yes, there was Mr. Kay Glenn.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Mr. Kay Glenn?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. SCHULTZ. What was Mr. Glenn's title?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know what his title was at the time. His title now is director of operations, Summa Corp.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And when did you first begin to report to Mr. Glenn?

Mr. WEARLEY. Approximately April 1971.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And how long did you report to Mr. Glenn?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me. May I ask the witness a question?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Certainly.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Did you report directly to him or through somebody else?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, directly to Mr. Glenn.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And how long did you report to Mr. Glenn?

Mr. WEARLEY. Until July 1971.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And at that time, who did you report to?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Jack Real.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And from July of 1971, have you reported to Mr. Jack Real continuously?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Now, you mentioned just a minute ago that Mr. Maheu, at least up until December 1970, was the individual who gave you flight instructions. Was this true from the beginning of your employment in 1969?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, I don't think he quite put it that way about his relationship with Mr. Maheu. Why don't we find out what it was? I don't recall him saying he got it directly from Mr. Maheu.

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Maheu's office.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Oh. All right. In 1969, when you were employed by the Summa Corp., who gave you directions with regard to flights that you were to make?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Triola.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And how long did Mr. Triola give you flight instructions?

Mr. WEARLEY. Until I started to report to Mr. Fox, approximately 8 months.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right. And Mr. Fox gave you instructions on your flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. When I started reporting to Mr. Fox, I reported to Mr. Fox administratively, but my flight directions came from Mr. Maheu's office.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Beginning with your direct reporting to Mr. Fox?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right. It was not a cut and dried procedure. At times people would call me direct, at which time I would in turn call Mr. Triola who I was reporting to, and tell him about the flights. Other times they would call Mr. Triola and he would call me.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right. Do you know of any company policy, or were you advised by written memo who had authority to instruct you to prepare for a trip?

Mr. WEARLEY. There was no written authority until sometime, when I was reporting to Mr. Fox, a memo did come out outlining the people that were authorized to initiate a request for a trip.

Mr. SCHULTZ. To the best of your recollection, would you name those individuals for us, please?

Mr. WEARLEY. General Nigro, Francis Fox, Robert Maheu, and Jerome Triola.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Now, was there any priority given to the instructions of any of these individuals?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. It was just understood that the priority was Mr. Maheu's office.

Mr. SCHULTZ. It was understood that the priority was Mr. Maheu's office.

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Who in Mr. Maheu's office had authority to direct you to prepare for a flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. Peter Maheu or Robert McDonald.

Mr. SCHULTZ. What was Mr. Peter Maheu's function, if you know?

Mr. WEARLEY. He was an administrative assistant to his father, Robert Maheu.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And Mr. Robert McDonald, do you know his function?

Mr. WEARLEY. He was an assistant to Mr. Peter Maheu.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Now, for whom did Mr. McDonald and Mr. Peter Maheu work? Obviously they worked for Robert Maheu, but for what company?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know.

Mr. WEARLEY. I know Peter Maheu was of Maheu & Associates, and I don't know about Robert McDonald, if he was Maheu & Associates or Hughes Tool.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Do you know if Mr. Robert Maheu was an employee of the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. My understanding was——

Mr. FREEDMAN. Never mind your understanding.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I was just asking if you knew? All right. Would you explain to us, please, if you know, why you took directions from Mr. Robert Maheu if he was not an employee of the Hughes Tool Co.? I'm sorry. Let me rephrase the question. Do you know the connection between Robert Maheu & Associates and the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. WEARLEY. Robert Maheu was the chief executive for the Hughes Nevada operations, and Mr. Hughes was a client of Maheu & Associates.

Mr. FREEDMAN. With the Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co., or don't you distinguish between them or what?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't say. I don't know.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, then, did your directions come to you from Mr. Maheu's office, as the director of the Hughes Nevada operations, or as a member of Hughes & Associates, a member of Maheu & Associates?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Were your directions ever given to you in writing?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did there ever come a time from 1961 to the present——

Mr. FREEDMAN. 1961 you said.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I'm sorry. 1969 to the present where General Nigro, Mr. Francis Fox, or Mr. Jerome Triola no longer had authority to give you instructions with regard to the use of the aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. Would you repeat that?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Yes. Did there ever come a time from 1969 to the present when General Nigro, Francis Fox, or Jerome Triola did not have authority to give you instructions with regard to the aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Assuming that there may be different points in time with regard to each individual, would you explain that to us, please? Take General Nigro, first.

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, General Nigro left the company before Mr. Maheu left.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When did General Nigro leave the company?

Mr. WEARLEY. The fall of 1971, 1970. The fall of 1970.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Mr. Fox?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Fox just recently left the company, within the last few months.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Up until the time he left the company, did he still have authority?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When was his authority terminated?

Mr. WEARLEY. When I started reporting to John Seymour, in February of 1970—correction, December 1970.

Mr. SCHULTZ. At the time you started reporting to Mr. Seymour, did he then have authority to issue instructions with regard to the use of aircraft, the Hughes aircraft? In other words, did he replace Mr. Fox in that authority?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And Mr. Jerome Triola, when did his authority get terminated?

Mr. WEARLEY. When he was terminated with the company.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And when was that, if you know?

Mr. WEARLEY. The summer of 1970.

Mr. SCHULTZ. To your knowledge, was there any list of approved passengers for the Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you keep a log of your—not only of your trips, but of all of the pilots'? Did you keep a log of the use of the Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And that is from 1969 to the present?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. In the use of the Hughes aircraft, would you have been required to file flight plans?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And was this done in each and every instance, so far as you know, with the Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you have supervision and control over the maintenance of the logs that you maintained with regard to the use of Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Did he personally—his own personal log?

Mr. SCHULTZ. I believe I had asked him if he had maintained logs with regard to the Hughes aircraft, and he said, "yes." I am not asking him if he had custody and control of these logs.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, obviously he had custody and control of his own, but I think your last question wasn't quite clear; whether you were talking about just his own logs or the logs of the other pilots.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I will rephrase the question. Did you have custody and control over all of the logs pertaining to the use of Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you certify or make notation on any of the log entries, your approval of the other pilots' use of the Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was it the responsibility of each of the pilots on your staff to fill out and complete their own log?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Where are these logs maintained?

Mr. WEARLEY. In my office in Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you maintain a log of passengers who traveled on the Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was the senior officer——

Mr. WEARLEY. I think I'd better go back to the other question.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right.

Mr. WEARLEY. Would you state the question again?

Mr. SCHULTZ. My last question?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I asked if you maintained a log of passengers who traveled on the Hughes aircraft.

Mr. WEARLEY. We didn't up to a point.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Did or did not?

Mr. WEARLEY. We did not, and after the spring of 1971 we started. After I reported to Kay Glenn, Mr. Kay Glenn, he asked that we put the passengers' names on one copy of the log that would go to accounting. However, there were three copies of each log, the first copy being retained in my office, the middle copy to accounting and the third copy staying for maintenance records. The only form that had the passengers names was the middle form that went to accounting.

Mr. SCHULTZ. The log and passenger list which went to accounting, could you be more specific? Where was this office located, the accounting office that these logs went to?

Mr. WEARLEY. Initially it was located at 7000 Romaine St., Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And you say "initially"? Where, after that?

Mr. WEARLEY. After that, Nevada general offices, 953 East Sahara, Las Vegas.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you personally send these logs to the accounting office?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. To what individual, if any, were they directed to?

Mr. WEARLEY. Vern Olson.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was there any company policy with regard to who could ride on the Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Were there ever occasions that someone other than a Hughes employee rode on the Hughes aircraft?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When Hughes employees were aboard, was the senior or highest in title, required to initial the log or in some way approve the flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. Approval of the flight came verbally.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, I understand, but what I was trying to find out is whether, as they came aboard or something, they were required to initial your log?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right, any questions, up to that point?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Yes. You say that you didn't begin keeping lists of passengers on your logs until 1971?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Prior to that time, were there passenger manifests maintained for any of the flights?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know what manifests means.

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, not a manifest as such. A manifest is a part of the aircraft records, in some cases it is a part of an aircraft form or log. At one time, under Triola, we attempted to make a planning sheet that would state the departure time, location, the number of passengers, the passengers' name, type of meals, refueling requirements, length of the trip, et cetera.

Mr. FREEDMAN. This was made up before the flight started?

Mr. WEARLEY. This was made before the flight started, just for our planning and information. A copy was sent to the mechanics, I kept a copy, and I think a copy was then sent back up to the general offices to the person that originated the trip. However, the lists of passengers, or the passengers' names, did not reflect who actually went on board because of last minute changes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, it was used as a planning device?

Mr. WEARLEY. A planning device. But that would in no way indicate that that person was actually on board the aircraft or that that amount of passengers was on board the aircraft, or that the aircraft departed on that day.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Right, do you still maintain—

Mr. FREEDMAN. May I ask one? Or perhaps someone whose name was not on the list and was actually on board, would that sometimes happen?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you maintain copies of those planning sheets in your office?

Mr. WEARLEY. I did for a period of time, then we dropped the procedure because it became a waste of time and effort, it was meaningless, so we dropped the procedure.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. After you dropped the procedure, was there any way that you kept track—that you had knowledge of anyone else keeping track—of the passengers that rode on specific flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. So there were no lists maintained at all?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And no lists were submitted to any aviation authority?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, so the information you kept from the time of 1969, until you began keeping a passenger log, I guess is the best description of it, in 1971 under Mr. Glenn, what specific information did you keep in the log?

Mr. WEARLEY. The departure point to the arrival point, the destination, takeoff time, the landing time, the pilots' names, a breakdown of the flying time that each pilot logged, a maintenance record, a discrepancy record in the event there was some malfunction, the pilot would write it up, the mechanic would take corrective action, also write it into the log.

The total time on the aircraft, the total time for that flight or that day, and the total time at the end of the day which was carried forward to the next log.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, it was a fairly specific and detailed description of the information surrounding the specific flight itself, without any detailed information on who was inside the flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Outside of the pilots.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Outside of the pilots?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, have you brought any of these logs with you today?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Which logs have you brought with you today?

Mr. WEARLEY. The aircraft logs for the De Haviland.

Mr. LACKRITZ. For the De Haviland?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. For what period of time?

Mr. WEARLEY. From the period of time that it was under my control in January 1969, to September 1973, when we sold it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Do any of these logs that you brought with you reflect flights made to Miami, Fla.?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have any recollection, from looking over the logs, of when these flights were to Miami, Fla., between 1969 and the present time?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Wait a minute, they sold the De Haviland.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Pardon?

Mr. FREEDMAN. They sold the De Haviland.

Mr. LACKRITZ. That's right, until September 1973, do you have any specific knowledge in terms of when these flights to Miami were?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I can't give you dates.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Would these be reflected in the logs?

Mr. WEARLEY. They would be reflected in the logs.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Would it be possible to look at the logs at this time?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Now, you want from him just those flights?

Mr. LACKRITZ. No, I would like to have the logs so we can find out all of the flights that went to Florida.

Mr. WEARLEY. I have a summary, there was a summary prepared, if you don't want to look at the actual logs themselves, there was a summary prepared that you can look at.

Mr. SCHULTZ. A summary might be helpful to start with.

Mr. LACKRITZ. A summary would be very helpful to start with, it might save some time.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I want the record to reflect that this is being submitted because the witness thought it might be helpful to the committee and the committee staff for this information to be made available. It is not being submitted pursuant to any subpoena.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And the staff recognizes that counsel maintains that this information may have no relevance to the 1972 Presidential campaign.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. But that the staff, nevertheless, may have information that links up this specific information with the 1972 Presidential campaign. Or I would like to maintain for the record that that is the reason the information is being requested.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That may be your contention, our contention is that we don't think it has got anything to do with the 1972 Presidential campaign. Nevertheless, just to be cooperative—

Mr. LACKRITZ. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN [continuing]. The witness has collated the information on the logs and if you wish to you may look at them.

Mr. WEARLEY. This summary of flight time was prepared by John Seymour, from my records, at the request of C. J. Collier, Jr.—there's the name, C. J. Collier, Jr.—for this period of time.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Now, may the record reflect that the information that the witness had just alluded to, has been shown—been handed to the staff and it consists of—how many pages?

Mr. LACKRITZ. It consists of 1, 2, 3—it consists of 24 pages of material, enclosed in a 8½ by 14 manila envelope.

Mr. SCHULTZ. File folder?

Mr. LACKRITZ. File folder, thank you.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Which is entitled—

Mr. LACKRITZ. Which is entitled "Summary of DH-125 Flight Time Reports 1969-1970". For the purposes of identification of this executive session, could we have this document marked exhibit 1, and have it marked on the envelope?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You don't mean the envelope.

Mr. LACKRITZ. The file folder.

Mr. FREEDMAN. No objection.

[Whereupon, the material referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 1 for identification.* Only one page is printed for a sample, the remainder is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Wearley, this file is labeled "Reports 1969-1970". Does that indicate that there are no summaries of flights after 1970 in this file?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Where are the reports from 1970 through the time in which the De Haviland was sold?

Mr. WEARLEY. There is no summary of the actual maintenance logs.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. All right, could you produce at this time for the committee staff, the actual logs which you brought with you so we might examine how many of those there are and see if we might be able to go through them?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

*See p. 9493.

Mr. LACKRITZ. On the record, are these log books organized in chronological order, Mr. Wearley?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And they run from 1969 through to the present—through to September 1973?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. These are January 18, 1971, until the aircraft was sold. The summary precedes all the flights prior to that.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And the summary is based on similar summaries in the aircraft logbooks? This summary is based on all of these actual logs?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Indicating he showed reflecting at another pile of documents.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, now for the purposes of a quick comparison to see if there is any information which the committee might deem relevant, that has been excluded in the summary from those logs, could we examine those logs to see?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, let me ask the witness. To the best of your knowledge, the summary contains the information that is in the individual logs?

Mr. WEARLEY. That is right, to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, now let the record reflect that I have been handed a stack of manila, oak-tag pages which are entitled "Hughes Nevada Operations Aircraft Logbook," and I have consecutively numbered pages going from No. 001 through No. 175, in my hand, which at this time I do not want to have marked as exhibits.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And these pertain entirely to the De Haviland?

Mr. LACKRITZ. These pertain only to the De Haviland plane?

Mr. WEARLEY. There's only the De Haviland.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I'm going to hand these to the staff for purposes of comparing the information on the actual logs with the information contained in the summary itself.

Now, with respect to the logs that have been handed over to the committee staff, after 1970, beginning on January 18, 1971, I would like the record to reflect that this is another pile of oak-tag pages entitled "Hughes Nevada Operations." These pages run consecutively numbered from No. 176 through No. 254.

Mr. WEARLEY. Those are not consecutively numbered, there are some logs missing in that.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, then there is another group of log pages which have been handed over, and numbering—do you have any knowledge, Mr. Wearley, in terms of which numbers are missing from this group?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, it is only dates, there are some dates missing. The numbers didn't run consecutively because we ran out of forms, or the crew ran out of forms and started a new log with new numbers.

Mr. FREEDMAN. May I ask the witness a question?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Sure.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Would counsel be agreeable to marking these last log pages which have been turned over to the committee staff as exhibits for the purposes of the executive session, the committee making copies of these and returning the originals to the witness before the witness departs?

Mr. FREEDMAN. No problem.

Mr. LACKRITZ. No problem? OK, fine, then why don't I identify this last pile very quickly, for the record, as being pink pages on oak-tag entitled "Hughes Tool Company West Coast Executive Offices Aircraft Log Book," and the numbers are as follows: Nos. 0502-0520, 0601-0608, 0613, 0614, 0651-0660.

Now, Mr. Wearley, there are some nonconsecutive numbers that you described before, for example, the numbering jumps from 0520 on November 30, 1972, to No. 0601 on December 3, 1972. Does this indicate that the flight on December 3, 1972, was the immediate flight after the flight on November 30?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not necessarily. The time on the aircraft would indicate the time brought forward. The time on the aircraft was 1,913.2 hours, the time brought forward here is 1,913.2 hours. So that would be the next flight on the aircraft.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Similarly on the skip between Nos. 0614 and 0651, the carry forward time on No. 0614 is 1,928.7 and the time brought forward on 0651, 1,928.7, does that indicate there is no other flight in between these two?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Were there any flights for which records could not be located?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And those flights would have occurred between 1971 and September of 1973, when the aircraft was sold?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Can you explain—first, can you explain why there were no records which could be located?

Mr. WEARLEY. At that particular time, we were based in Nassau, in the Bahamas. The flight operations department was based in Nassau, in the Bahamas.

Mr. SCHULTZ. In 1971?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. The De Havilland flew—was based intermittently in Nassau, in the Bahamas, and on the west coast in Los Angeles. The aircraft was used very little during that period of time. Charles Wilson did most of the flying since he was not living in the Bahamas and at that particular time he ran out of forms and kept track of the aircraft time. However, he failed to keep track of the actual locations and departure times, et cetera, and we just decided not to complete those logs for that period of time.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Do you have any knowledge as to the number of trips involved and the number of hours in the air?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can tell you the number of hours because there will be a lapse in the forms.

Mr. SCHULTZ. What were the number of hours?

Mr. WEARLEY. 7.2 hours.

Mr. LACKRITZ. It is our understanding that 7.2 hours is the total amount of time that the plane would have been in the air, that is not reflected on these logs?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, between log 608 and 613.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Fine. And is it your testimony that these flights occurred when the flight operations office was located in the Bahamas, is that correct? Would you read the date?

Mr. FREEDMAN. No, he said the De Haviland was located in the Bahamas.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Excuse me, the De Haviland was located in the Bahamas.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Was based in the Bahamas.

Mr. WEARLEY. No, this was not true at this particular time, this was June of this year.

Mr. LACKRITZ. June of this year?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And what dates, in June of this year, are we referring to?

Mr. WEARLEY. March 6, 1973 to June 13, 1973.

Mr. FREEDMAN. You mean in between that period of time, 7.2 hours was not logged?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right, according to this log.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And could you explain why those flights, during that period of time, were not logged?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I can't explain what happened to the logs at that time.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Would there be any reason not to have flights recorded during that period?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, there's no reason. The maintenance of the aircraft was, of the De Haviland, at this time was transferred to Van Nuys, and another part of the transportation group was maintaining the aircraft.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, and who were these individuals?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Jack Price.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And what is his position?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mechanic.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In Van Nuys, Calif.?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Who else besides Mr. Price was maintaining the aircraft during that period of time?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know exactly who. There is a group of approximately 10 people, 9 people, that report to Mr. Price.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Are you saying at this period of time you did not have responsibility for maintaining these logs?

Mr. WEARLEY. I didn't have the responsibility of maintaining the maintenance logs, no. But the maintenance logs are a part of the aircraft logs that the pilots fill out.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, I'm still a bit confused, then. What you are saying is Mr. Price did not keep these logs up to date with the flights?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know.

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know. At this particular time, the responsibility for maintaining this log right here was Mr. Price's. What happened to this form here, I don't know.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Let me interject here?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Go ahead.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Is there a maintenance log which would reflect the 7.2 hours which is not reflected in the travel log?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. All that the maintenance regulations require is total time on the airplane.

Mr. FREEDMAN. In the air.

Mr. WEARLEY. In the air. It is not a day-to-day—it need not be a day-to-day record just a total time.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right, do you know whether the De Haviland went on a trip or trips which would have used up some 7.2 hours?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I think—

Mr. FREEDMAN. No, only if you know.

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know, no.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, have you become aware of some information, independent of the logs themselves or the maintenance records, which would allow you—would you stipulate that he is an expert on aircraft and travel? Would counsel stipulate that?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't know what he's an expert in. I guess he's an expert in knowing how to fly a plane.

Mr. SCHULTZ. How far can the De Haviland go in 7.2 hours?

Mr. WEARLEY. About 3,000 miles.

Mr. SCHULTZ. All right, let me go back to my other question then. Have you received any information, independent of the logs which are missing, or the maintenance records, in which you are reasonably certain where this aircraft was? Or do you have some other records with you?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't have any other records with me. I may have some records that would reflect those flights, but they were not sent to me.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Would you describe these records?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, they would be the originals of the forms there—no, these are 1971, not 1973.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Excuse me, what was that information that you were referring to?

Mr. WEARLEY. These are the same forms.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Originals of this, I think, but 1971.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Oh, all right.

Mr. WEARLEY. What I don't have with me is my office copies of the De Haviland for this period of time, the man I asked to box these up and send them failed to send that—send those to me, because he thought that these were complete and I have just now discovered that they are not complete and that I don't have the office copies.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, do you have any information that would lead you to believe where the aircraft might have been during this 7.2—

Mr. WEARLEY. I think I do in my office back in Las Vegas.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Something you could locate?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well a phone call, perhaps, could—

Mr. SCHULTZ. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. OK now, Mr. Wearley, the records that you turned over are logs of the De Haviland, is that correct?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. For what purposes was the De Haviland used as opposed to the Cessna aircraft? Were there any distinctions between the two—the three aircraft at that time? The time of 1969, 1970?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, the Cessna didn't come into operation until January 1971.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Are these the two Cessna's that you subsequently traded in?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. So, during the period of time 1969, 1970, the De Haviland was the only aircraft which was used to fly Hughes Tool Co. employees and/or Summa Corp. employees?

Mr. WEARLEY. The only ones under my control.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. By your answer you indicated that there may be other records of other flights which were used by these private aircrafts to which you refer?

Mr. WEARLEY. The Nevada Airport Operations at that time had an air taxi certificate which allowed them to charter aircraft, and they conducted charter flights for the Nevada general offices.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And from whom did they get these charter flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. At times from Mr. Maheu's office; at other times, from whoever in the company wanted to.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I'm sorry. From whom did they order the planes for these charter flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. Did they order them?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Well, where did they go to get the charter planes to make the trips?

Mr. WEARLEY. They own the charter planes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. The Nevada Airport Operations Co.?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Is this a private company?

Mr. WEARLEY. It is a separate division.

Mr. SCHULTZ. It's a division of Hughes Tool Co. I think, Marc.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And how many planes did this operation own?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know exactly.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Were these planes that were employed in the charter division ever leased out to what I will call other persons?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. In other words, anybody could ask for a charter flight from this division, and if all his requirements were satisfied, it would be leased out for a private flight for persons who were not connected with Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. But if Maheu leased one out, he would just make a book entry for their expenses, right? It would just be a paper transaction?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know how they handled the bookkeeping. I know that they did fly flights for the different offices of the Nevada operations.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know that from firsthand knowledge? Did you ever request that aircraft be made available to particular people?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I didn't.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That was not part of your function?

Mr. WEARLEY. That was not part of my function.

Mr. LENZNER. So you just heard about this from other people?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did any of your pilots fly any of the planes for the Nevada Airport Operation flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. Charles Wilson did for a short period of time. James Hildegard was employed by the Nevada Airport Operations until January of 1971, at which time he—when we acquired the Cessnas, we absorbed him also.

Mr. LACKRITZ. To your knowledge, did Mr. Maheu or Mr. Maheu's employees use these charter flights for much business or did they primarily come to you and have you fly them?

Mr. WEARLEY. When they wanted to use the Nevada Airport Operations, they went directly to Nevada Airport Operations. I had nothing to do with it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Who in Nevada Airports would they go to, to arrange for such flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. Either Jerome Triola, Charles Schumacher or James Hildegard.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Now, one of the things that is interesting on this summary that you provided to the committee is on the list back in August, September, October, November, and December of 1969, there is a category marked "passengers," and the passengers are listed, corresponding to certain flights on specific dates. Could you explain how this list of passengers was placed on the summary?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. As I explained before, that summary was made up by Mr. John Seymour with the help of his secretary, using my files that I had turned over at that period to them, and those passengers were taken off of the planning sheets that we talked about, and it does not reflect who actually went on the aircraft.

Mr. LACKRITZ. So, in other words, the passengers are the passengers that were supposed to go on particular flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. But these do not necessarily reflect the passengers who were actually on these flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. OK.

Mr. LENZNER. You may have gone over this, but are there documents that reflect passenger manifests?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Actual passengers? I think the witness said no.

Mr. LENZNER. Were there such documents at one time?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. According to any kind of regulations, don't you have to file with the airports who was flying on those planes?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't?

Mr. WEARLEY. The only information that is required in the flight plan—the only information required is souls on board.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Number of persons?

Mr. WEARLEY. The number of persons on board, the total figure. Yes, indeed.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Back on the record. Mr. Wearley, the copies of the log pages beginning with No. 001 that we discussed earlier, begin in March, in fact, on March 16, 1970. Are the copies of the logbook prior to this time still in your custody, from 1969?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, the only thing I have prior to that is my personal log.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Did you bring that with you?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And what information does your personal log show?

Mr. WEARLEY. It shows the total time for the day and the airfields.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Could we see that at this time?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. This is a copy, and you can have this.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Mr. Wearley is handing over to the committee a manila file folder labeled, "Robert Wearley, Flight Record, January 26, 1969 through October 20, 1970," and in it, enclosed, are 33 pages, including the slip saying, "Xerox copy of this flight log given to IRS man in April of 1970." I would like the file marked exhibit 2 for purposes of this executive session.

[Whereupon, the document referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 2, for identification, and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Wearley, you do have copies of this so we may keep this?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, you can keep that copy.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have any other logs or records that you brought along with you today?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Could you explain what they are, please?

Mr. WEARLEY. I have my own personal log for the period of time following this copy that you have, following December 1970, and I have the Cessna logs that are retired, the two aircraft we traded in on the new Cessna 21, and I have Jet Star logs for those Jet Stars that we fly.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Could you produce those documents at this time so we could see them?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Out of the goodness of our heart, we are letting you look at them.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And we appreciate that, Mr. Freedman.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. WEARLEY. That's a Cessna 414 log.

Mr. LENZNER. These don't reflect, Mr. Wearley, the passengers?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Where would be the potential, but not actual, passenger lists for the Cessna, or don't you have such lists?

Mr. WEARLEY. If they were filled out and if they reflect the passengers, they would be sent in to accounting. Accounting would have those copies in their files.

Mr. LENZNER. You wouldn't retain a copy of who flew on those?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. The Cessna was under your jurisdiction and supervision?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Off the record for just a moment.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LENZNER. Did anyone instruct you to stop keeping a list of passengers?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Maybe you ought to explain again why you decided not to keep these planning sheets.

Mr. WEARLEY. I think you just explained it.

Mr. FREEDMAN. For the record.

Mr. LENZNER. It's on the record already. I take it you did this earlier?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Yes, he did explain it on the record.

Mr. LENZNER. And for the Cessna, I take it this is based primarily in Nassau, so you were not flying—to your recollection, were you flying people out of Las Vegas operation in 1971? I take it you were down primarily in the Nassau area in 1971?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you, on occasion, fly or transport people who were from the Las Vegas area, to your knowledge, from your prior experience in Las Vegas, which would be Mr. Danner or General Nigro, or other people of that nature in 1971 during this time frame?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. Nigro was no longer with the company in 1971.

Mr. LENZNER. Oh, that's right.

Mr. WEARLEY. And Danner, I don't recall having him on the aircraft at that time. The Cessna or the De Havilland was flying back and forth from the west coast to Nassau during that year. These two Cessnas were based in Nassau for the first half of the year, then we traded them in on a new Cessna 421, which was based there from approximately July 1971 until February 1972.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever fly Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember on how many occasions that would have occurred?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not exactly.

Mr. LENZNER. Would that have been in the Cessna or in the De Haviland?

Mr. WEARLEY. In th De Haviland.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever fly him to Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. In the De Haviland or the Cessna?

Mr. WEARLEY. De Haviland.

Mr. LENZNER. You never flew him in the Cessna at all?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Who was on board that trip besides Rebozo?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Danner.

Mr. LENZNER. Anybody else?

Mr. WEARLEY. On the flight from Miami to Nassau and return?

Mr. LENZNER. Is that what it was?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Just you, Rebozo, and Danner?

Mr. WEARLEY. And the other pilot.

Mr. LENZNER. Who was that?

Mr. WEARLEY. Joe Williams, and a mechanic, Carroll Smith.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember what time period that was?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not without looking at the records.

Mr. LENZNER. I mean—I take it, it would have been prior to 1971?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Where did they go? What was the destination?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You mean from where to where?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes. It was from Miami to where?

Mr. WEARLEY. Miami to Nassau and Nassau to Miami, and then I would have to check the log to see where the aircraft went after that.

Mr. FREEDMAN. But your recollection is that Mr. Rebozo was on board just from Miami to Nassau and back from Nassau to Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. He again may have been on board prior to, inbound to Miami, and he was on board from Miami to Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. Where did you come inbound from to Miami, Vegas, or District of Columbia?

Mr. WEARLEY. I would have to check the logs, the summary, to tell you exactly where.

Mr. LENZNER. OK. I would like you to do that at some point, Mr. Wearley, if it is not inconvenient.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LENZNER. That would be exhibit 1, I believe. Would the record reflect I am showing Mr. Wearley exhibit 1. Mr. Wearley, go ahead.

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, we left Las Vegas on February 2, 1970. We flew to Dallas, Tex., made a passenger drop at Melbourne, Fla., proceeded to Miami. The 4th of February we went from Miami to Nassau, on the 5th from Nassau to Miami and Miami to Washington, D.C., Washington, D.C., to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City to Las Vegas.

Mr. FREEDMAN. In other words, was Mr. Rebozo on board that entire time?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Rebozo got off in Washington, to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Where did you pick him up?

Mr. WEARLEY. I believe he departed Las Vegas with us.

Mr. LENZNER. So he was in the plane in Las Vegas when you departed for Dallas—was it Dallas?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. Well, Dallas and then Melbourne.

Mr. LENZNER. Who else was on the plane that you dropped off at Melbourne?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall definitely.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have some—

Mr. WEARLEY. It possibly was an astronaut.

Mr. LENZNER. It could have been Mr. Cernan or Mr. Stafford?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. FREEDMAN. It could have been, but you don't remember?

Mr. LENZNER. You're not positive of that?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there anybody else on board from Las Vegas besides Danner, Rebozo, and one other person who may have been an astronaut?

Mr. WEARLEY. And possibly Mr. Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any specific recollection that Maheu was on that trip?

Mr. WEARLEY. Maheu was on board from Miami to Washington. I remember the three men definitely. It was Maheu, Danner, and Rebozo on that flight.

Mr. LENZNER. And then you dropped—on the return flight it would have been, then, Miami to Washington, D.C., would have been Danner, Maheu, Rebozo, Rebozo departing Washington, D.C. Is that your recollection?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Maheu also go to Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know where he was—

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. He got off at Miami, but did not continue on to Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know what Danner's and Rebozo's ultimate destination in Nassau was, for what purpose they were down there for?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know where they stayed?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. Britannia Beach.

Mr. LENZNER. Britannia Beach, that's a hotel down there?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes; it's a hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. Is that where you also stayed?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. How long were they down in Nassau? Can you tell from this log?

Mr. WEARLEY. Overnight.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see them while you were in Nassau, after you went to the hotel?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall seeing them, no.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if they visited Paradise Island while they were in Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. Britannia Beach Hotel is Paradise Island; it's on Paradise Island.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see them in the company, during that time, of either Mr. Crosby or Mr. Jack Davis?

Mr. WEARLEY. I didn't see them, to the best of my knowledge, and I wouldn't know.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't know Crosby or Davis?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see them with any individuals at all?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall seeing them at all.

Mr. LENZNER. After they——

Mr. WEARLEY. After they deplaned.

Mr. LENZNER. Oh, you didn't go to the hotel with them?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And your copilot, your mechanic, also were on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Also stayed at Britannia Beach?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Who paid for the hotels?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Did either Mr. Rebozo or Mr. Danner indicate the purpose at any time of their trip to Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Who requested you to fly them to Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall. It was either Mr. Maheu or Mr. Danner.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you meet or talk with any individuals while you were in the Britannia Beach that night?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Aside from checking in. Well, did you talk to Mr. Seymour Alter? Do you know him?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. How about James Golden? Was he down there at that time?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't know him either?

Mr. WEARLEY. I know Jim, Mr. Golden, yes, but I don't know if he was there or not.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't recall seeing him at any rate?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any information as to how Mr. Rebozo arrived in Las Vegas prior to the time you transported him to these other destinations?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or what his purpose was in Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you overhear or were you part of any conversation from the time that flight departed to the time you returned Mr. Rebozo to Washington, that indicated to you in any way a conversation between Rebozo and Danner?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Dick, do you have any questions on this?

Mr. SCHULTZ. In your capacity as chief pilot, have you ever engaged in any conversations or heard any conversation on the part of Hughes passengers or others with regard to political contributions?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Have you, yourself, ever transported any sums of cash for the Hughes Corp.?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You mean he had the cash in his possession?

Mr. SCHULTZ. He, himself, yes.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes; there was one flight empty to Carlsbad, Calif., Palomar Airport, I think, is the name of it.

Mr. SCHULTZ. From where?

Mr. WEARLEY. Las Vegas. To pick up a package and return to Las Vegas and to deposit it in the Sands Casino, cage, money cage, whatever you call it.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When was this?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall the exact date. It was, I would estimate it in early 1969. I was reporting to Triola at the time.

Mr. SCHULTZ. What airplane did you use?

Mr. WEARLEY. That DeHaviland.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And did you do this in response to direction from Mr. Triola?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you have anyone else on board, a pilot?

Mr. WEARLEY. Joe Williams.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you also have a mechanic on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And then you say you picked up a package?

Mr. WEARLEY. I understood it was a sum of money having to do with the gamblers, collecting a gamblers' debt.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you actually see the money itself?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. I got a receipt for turning it in to the Sands Hotel.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you furnish the individual from whom you received the package a receipt?

Mr. WEARLEY. I didn't actually pick it up, because weather prevented us from landing at Palomar. We landed at San Diego and took a car and drove to Palomar. Mr. Williams took the car and drove to Palomar, to Carlsbad, picked up the package, and returned. That is to the best of my knowledge, now.

Now, that might have been another flight that that particular thing happened, but if I recall, we couldn't land and we asked for instructions. We went ahead and landed at San Diego and we called General Nigro's office for instructions and was instructed to take a car, drive up, pick up the package.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Are you aware of the sum of money involved?

Mr. WEARLEY. I—

Mr. FREEDMAN. No, no, no. Only if you know.

Mr. WEARLEY. I have no way of knowing definitely.

Mr. SCHULTZ. To your knowledge, did Mr. Williams execute a receipt or furnish a receipt to the individual from whom he received the money?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you ever see the money yourself?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you transport the money to the—I've forgotten which casino you said.

Mr. WEARLEY. The Sands Hotel. Yes; I did.

Mr. FREEDMAN. He transported the package.

Mr. WEARLEY. I transported the package.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you see the package opened?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. To your knowledge, was this money directly or indirectly involved as a campaign contribution?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was this the only occasion where you transported a package which you believed contained money?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. As the chief pilot and also a pilot on specific flights, did you—were you privy to the reasons for which the Hughes people or others traveled from place to place?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. In the normal course of business, I assume, then, that you were given instructions and directions to prepare for a flight, and, in fact, fly it. You were not given the reasons for the travel?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. At the time—

Mr. FREEDMAN. Do you mean "no" or do you mean "yes"?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; I mean was not given the reasons for the travel.

Mr. SCHULTZ. At the time you were given instructions for the flights, were you told where your next destination would be or how much layover time you would have?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes; I was given an approximation of the length of the trip.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Once a flight was begun, could your orders be changed by anyone on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. By the senior passenger on board, if he was a company official.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you have any written instructions as to who was the company official who could change your orders?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did any company official, in fact, ever change your orders or direction of where you were going?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall any specific incident.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Would Mr. Maheu have that authority?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Would Mr. Danner have that authority?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Who else would have that authority, to your knowledge?

Mr. WEARLEY. Are you speaking of that period of time from 1969 to 1970, or now? I mean, there are many, many people involved over that length of time.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, let's say from 1969 through 1971.

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, it would be Mr. Maheu's office.

Mr. SCHULTZ. You mean anyone from his office on board? Did you have a question, counsel?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Yes. I think the witness may be a little confused when he said, "from any member of Maheu's office."

The question is, after you got aboard, was there—there would be a change in the destination? Was that the question?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Yes. Who would have authority to change your flight?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, I think he already said the senior individual aboard, provided he was—

Mr. SCHULTZ. Yes; he said the senior Hughes employee on board, or official, I think he said.

Mr. WEARLEY. It would depend on how my instructions are given. If I am to transport a passenger for the company at his discretion, then, if he wanted to land somewhere and I was told this man had the authority to tell me where to go, then I would do what he told me. But there was normally a senior passenger on board that could divert the flight if he desired.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. SCHULTZ. Let me ask this. Did you know Mr. Robert Maheu to be an official of the Hughes organization?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And how did you know this?

Mr. WEARLEY. You're asking me if I saw it in writing, or—

Mr. SCHULTZ. Just how you knew that Robert Maheu was an official.

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, I was told he was the chief executive by the person that hired me, by General Nigro.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Thank you.

Mr. FREEDMAN. And that's the only way you know? Is that right?

Mr. WEARLEY. I would see his signature on something, some letter or something, as chief executive, but I never saw an organizational chart with his name on it signed by Howard Hughes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I understand. Marc?

Mr. LENZNER. Just following up on Dick's last question, Mr. Wearley, aside from the times that you, yourself—that one time, when you transported funds, were there occasions or any other occasion when an individual that you carried as a passenger carried funds, to your knowledge, to or from any place?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. When I say "funds", I mean more than—a large amount of currency of any size that would be of some significance to you?

Mr. WEARLEY. I have no knowledge of anyone carrying any sums of money on board the aircraft.

Mr. LENZNER. May I just go back to this flight plan that we were talking about before? I don't want to burden the record too much, but—was this the only time that you carried Mr. Rebozo on your—

Mr. WEARLEY. No. I recall picking Mr. Rebozo up at Carlsbad, Calif., Palomar Airport, and transporting him to Las Vegas, Nev.

I can't recall the date. It was the first time that we had carried him. I wasn't sure who the individual was until after the flight, and I was told that his name was Bebe Rebozo, a friend of Mr. Nixon's.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That's the President?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Who advised you of that, sir?

Mr. WEARLEY. I think it was Mr. Triola.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have that spelling?

Mr. WEARLEY. Triola is T-r-i-o-l-a.

Mr. LENZNER. Is he still employed out there?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Where is he employed now?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, he's in El Paso, Tex.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who employs him down there?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Who requested you to make the flight to Carlsbad?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall specifically. It was more than likely Mr. Triola.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else on the plane with you going out to Carlsbad?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you remember.

Mr. LENZNER. If you remember.

Mr. WEARLEY. There was no one on board other than Mr. Rebozo. Going out, there was no one.

Mr. LENZNER. Who was on board coming back?

Mr. WEARLEY. Just Mr. Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. I take it that doesn't have any relationship in point of time to the time you went out to pick up the cash?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; it doesn't.

Mr. LENZNER. It's not the same trip?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; definitely not.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Was it in about the same time frame?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it after Mr. Nixon was President? That would have been 1969.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it while Mr. Maheu was still involved with Hughes operations in Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any way of refreshing your recollection through your personal flight log in 1969, or these other flight logs, to ascertain which trip that was to tie that date down better?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can take a look and see.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who met Mr. Rebozo at the airport?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. If anybody? Did you return Mr. Rebozo, or did you take Mr. Rebozo anywhere after that?

Mr. WEARLEY. I do not recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Rebozo on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you describe the substance of those?

Mr. WEARLEY. When we only have one passenger on occasion, we would offer that passenger to ride in the jump seat between the pilots, which Mr. Rebozo accepted, and Mr. Rebozo related to us an experience of—he owned a seaplane, and that he crashed the seaplane on takeoff and woke up in 30 feet of water, and the injuries he received, which I do not recall at this time. And that was about the extent of the conversation, airplane talk.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss his purpose for the trip to Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or who requested him to go to Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And do you relate this trip in any way to taking him to Las Vegas, ultimately to Miami, and then to Nassau in point of time?

Mr. WEARLEY. I would have to look at the records, and then it would only be a guess on my part.

Mr. LENZNER. Was he carrying any packages or materials with him that you recall?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not that I recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember who the copilot was on that trip?

Mr. WEARLEY. Joe Williams.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you also carry a mechanic with you on that trip?

Mr. WEARLEY. I do not recall having a mechanic on that flight.

Mr. LENZNER. Those are the only times Mr. Rebozo has been in your plane, on those two occasions?

Mr. WEARLEY. Those are the only times I can recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever fly Mr. F. Donald Nixon?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever fly anybody from the Nixon family?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. How about Mr. Herbert Kalmbach?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Edward Nixon?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Robert Abplanalp?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Miss Rose Mary Woods?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Edward P. Morgan?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall on how many occasions you took Mr. Morgan?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Robert Vesco?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Johnnie Meier?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Patrick Hillings?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. The question did say, "Do you recall flying any of these people?"

Mr. LENZNER. Yes.

Mr. WEARLEY. The answer is still "no" to all of those.

Mr. LENZNER. If I phrased them any differently, what difference would it make?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, those people, I do not recognize them, but I do not always know the passengers when Mr. Maheu gets on board with four people, and I do not know them. I could have flown those people, but I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. No, I would ask them, in the same spirit that you responded on Rebozo, that you did have a recollection. If you have a recollection, is all I am asking.

Mr. WEARLEY. All right.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Anthony Hatsis?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Jack Cleveland?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall ever flying any officials of the Federal Government on any Hughes planes?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Wait a minute. That's an awfully broad category.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I understand that. I take it, if I get a positive response, I will try to break it down.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, recognizable figures that you recognized at the time.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Let's start. Do you recall flying any Cabinet officers for the Nixon administration?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall flying the former Attorney General, Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall flying the former Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Stans?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall flying any officials from the Justice Department, specifically limited to Mr. McLaren?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And you recall flying no other officials from the Justice Department?

Mr. WEARLEY. A possibility, Mr. Whitaker, an FBI agent in Miami, but I don't know. That's a possibility.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Now, do you recall when you may have flown Mr. Whitaker?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Why do you think there is a possibility that you may have flown Mr. Whitaker?

Mr. WEARLEY. Because he visited Nassau during my stay there, and if I recall, I saw his name on one of these forms.

Mr. LACKRITZ. On one of which forms?

Mr. WEARLEY. One of the logs there. I think some of them, when we listed the passengers on the second form, I went through the maintenance form and I think, possibly, I saw his name there the other night.

Mr. LENZNER. That would be on the Cessna then?

Mr. WEARLEY. That would be on the Cessna.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you also see who else was on board that plane?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall the flight exactly.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember, though, who else might have been on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who requested you to fly Whitaker?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. If he flew.

Mr. WEARLEY. If he flew.

Mr. LENZNER. I would like you to check the record on that, too. While Marc is getting that out, let me just——

Mr. LACKRITZ. Is it Cessna logs you're looking for?

Mr. WEARLEY. Oh, let's see. I'm not exactly sure. Let me try these. It might have been.

Mr. LENZNER. Off the record for a second.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. WEARLEY. Here is what I saw. Gay, Anderson, Whitaker, on August 18, 1971, and Wilson and Hildegard flew that from Las Vegas, Los Angeles.

Mr. LENZNER. Does it indicate where Mr. Whitaker got on board that plane?

Mr. WEARLEY. Is his first initial "J"?

Mr. LENZNER. No, it's "K".

Mr. WEARLEY. No, this is J. Whitaker, so I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. I think his name is Ken, but there's another Whitaker, who was with the Secret Service, whose first initial, I think, is "J".

Mr. WEARLEY. Here's a flight from Nassau to San Antonio, and San Antonio to Los Angeles with a Mr. Whitaker on board.

Mr. LENZNER. How is that spelled?

Mr. WEARLEY. W-h-i-t-c-h-e-r, and w-h-i-t-k-e-r. Apparently, they weren't sure of the spelling.

Mr. LENZNER. Where did he board that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, the first time he was on board here was Nassau on August 1, 1971. He was transported to Los Angeles. Then the record shows that from Los Angeles to Las Vegas on the 17th of August, that year, Las Vegas to Los Angeles to Las Vegas, and Las Vegas to Los Angeles on the 18th.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you on any of those flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, that was Wilson and Hildegard. I was in the Bahamas then.

Mr. LENZNER. And the names. for example, in the August 18 logbook: Anderson, Whitaker, Gay. Would that reflect that all three of them went together on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Is this from the flight plan or does this indicate the actual passengers?

Mr. WEARLEY. This indicates the actual passengers.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have any knowledge who Mr. Whitaker is?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. The only Mr. Whitaker I knew was an FBI agent in Miami.

Mr. LACKRITZ. How did you meet Mr. Whitaker in Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall meeting Mr. Whitaker. I was told he was an FBI agent.

Mr. LACKRITZ. By whom were you told that?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall exactly.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, what you are saying is that in some point in time you came to the understanding that Mr. Whitaker was the FBI agent in charge of the Miami area?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not even—just that he was an FBI agent.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you have any knowledge that he was a friend of Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And did you have any knowledge that he was—that he had any kind of relationship with anyone in the Hughes organization, to the best of your knowledge?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Are there any Whitakers that you know of, in the Hughes organization itself?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not that I know of.

Mr. LACKRITZ. OK. Did you ever fly a gentleman by the name of Tom Murray?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. To the best of my knowledge, no.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Or did you ever fly a gentleman by the name of Robert Murphy, who is the Commissioner of the Civil Aeronautics Board?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you fly any officials of the Atomic Energy Commission?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Either from Washington to Las Vegas or from Las Vegas to Washington?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Did you ever fly a gentleman by the name of Kenneth Gemmill?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Or an individual by the name of Arthur Blech, B-l-e-c-h?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly Mr. Lawrence O'Brien?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, no.

Mr. LACKRITZ. How about Mr. Desautels?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly Mr. Humphrey, Hubert Humphrey anyplace?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. How about any Presidential candidate?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You better define Presidential candidate.

Mr. SCHULTZ. For the Presidential campaign of 1972.

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Davis asked us to furnish him a list of all those, so maybe we should furnish one for Mr. Wearley.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Mr. Wearley is obviously an astute, well-read individual, so he knows who were the national candidates for 1972.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Do you know who was the candidate for the Socialist Party?

Mr. LENZNER. We don't include him.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Major candidates.

Mr. LACKRITZ. For the record, we include all candidates for the Presidency in 1972.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever fly Mr. Maheu or Mr. Danner to Texas for a visit with President Johnson?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall off the top of your head ever flying to Johnson City, Tex. or—

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ [continuing]. Or anywhere close to Johnson City, Tex. I think Austin is 40 miles away. Did you ever fly to Austin?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, I think I've landed in Austin to refuel.

Mr. LACKRITZ. But solely to refuel, not to have any passengers depart?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. I would like to just—Mr. Wearley, while we have you here, just to tie this down so I know for sure. Going back to the summary sheets, February 1, 1971, reflects a flight, Houston to Las Vegas, Las Vegas to Houston. Do you recall if that was to pick up one of the astronauts?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall. I do—

Mr. FREEDMAN. That's all. I don't want you to surmise. If you don't remember; you don't remember.

Mr. LENZNER. I just wonder if that might help refresh your recollection as to whether one of the astronauts was on board when you departed February 2, 1970—I'm sorry, February 3, 1970, Las Vegas to Dallas, Dallas to Melbourne. It doesn't help?

Mr. WEARLEY. It doesn't help.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, when you departed February 3, 1970, Las Vegas to Dallas, as I understand it, on board at that time were your copilot, Mr. Danner, Mr. Maheu, Mr. Rebozo, and possibly an astronaut?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, and the mechanic.

Mr. LENZNER. And the mechanic. I'm sorry. Right. And it shows your first—it shows the first stop, Dallas. What was the purpose of that? Was that just a refueling stop?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And then Dallas to Melbourne. Is that in Florida, Melbourne?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And what happened in Melbourne?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall. We probably dropped a passenger off and refueled and went on to Miami.

Mr. LENZNER. Could Melbourne just have been a refueling stop? Is that possible? Or would you have flown direct to Miami from Dallas?

Mr. WEARLEY. We'd have flown direct to Miami.

Mr. LENZNER. I assume that's why you think you might have dropped somebody off in Melbourne?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. In any event, when you arrived in Miami you still had on board, in addition to your pilot, copilot and mechanic, you still had Danner, Rebozo and Maheu?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you tell from this log—I guess you could tell from the log because of the date February 4, 1970, that you stayed overnight in Miami, and then departed for Nassau the next morning?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you tell what time you departed for Nassau from this?

Mr. WEARLEY. It was late in the afternoon because we landed in the evening in Nassau.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection as to why you could not leave for Nassau until late in the afternoon?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall where you stayed in Miami, or where Mr. Maheu and Mr. Danner may have stayed?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know where they stayed. I can't say exactly where I stayed.

Mr. LENZNER. Where do you usually stay down there?

Mr. WEARLEY. The King's Inn, Holiday Inn.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you in Key Biscayne at all on February the 3d, 4th?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if Mr. Danner or Mr. Maheu were?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if they stayed with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And you don't know the purpose of stopping in Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or the purpose of Mr. Maheu's trip to Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. On February 4, you went from Miami to Nassau with Rebozo and Danner, and all of you stayed at the Britannia Beach, Paradise Island?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And you have no information or knowledge as to what the purpose was of that trip for Danner or Rebozo?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And you don't know who they saw or met or talked with while they were in Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And then you departed Nassau to Miami, again with Rebozo and Danner on board, on February 5, 1970. Do you recall approximately what time of day that would have been?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. And in Miami, what was the purpose of stopping in Miami on February 5?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall. I can't say exactly, but I think to pick up Mr. Maheu, because he was on board on the flight to Washington.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well now, wait a minute. Are you now saying that Mr. Maheu did not go to Nassau?

Mr. LENZNER. Oh, that's what he said before. He's always said that.

So when you depart Miami for Washington, D.C., you have got, in addition to your personnel, Danner Rebozo, and Maheu on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. You get to Washington, and Rebozo gets off, and then you take Danner and Maheu——

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know. To the best of my recollection, I can recall Mr. Rebozo got off, and I don't know who went on with us.

Mr. LENZNER. Is it possible Mr. Danner also got off?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's a possibility, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. What is your best recollection on that now?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. What is your recollection on who got off and when, at your ultimate destination in Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, while we have you here I want to get this right. It shows Miami to Washington, D.C., flight time 2:25, Washington, D.C. to Oklahoma City, 3:17.

Now that, I take it, does not reflect how long you were on the ground in Washington?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right. It doesn't reflect.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection of how long you were?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Would you have stopped at Page Airport or National?

Mr. WEARLEY. National Airport, Page Airways.

Mr. LENZNER. You would have disembarked at——

Mr. WEARLEY. Page Airways.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall whether anybody met your passengers who disembarked?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Now then, it shows Washington, D.C. to Oklahoma City. Was that a refueling stop or was that a——

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Nobody got on or off there?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, no one got on or off there.

Mr. LENZNER. And then Oklahoma City to Las Vegas. You don't have any recollection of approximately what time you would have arrived ultimately in Las Vegas on February 5?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't have any recollection of the time.

Mr. LENZNER. Is there any document that might be in your files somewhere, that would reflect who you ultimately had with you when you arrived finally in Las Vegas on February 5?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, there is nothing, no document that would show.

Mr. LENZNER. That's about all I have. Does anyone else have anything on this?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Yes. For the record I would like to identify two of the exhibits that have been handed over by Mr. Wearley, the first of which is a manila file folder 8½ by 11, labeled "402 Cessna Retired—Flight Log", and attached to the folder, clipped to the folder, are 36 white pages with the heading "The Hughes Nevada Operation Aircraft Log Book", and they are numbered from 312 through 348. And I would like that to be marked exhibit No. 3.

[Whereupon, the document referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 3 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. And the other file which Mr. Wearley has turned over to the committee is an 8½ by 11 manila file folder labeled "414 Cessna Retired—Flight Log", and it consists of a number of 8½ by 11 white pages labeled "Hughes Nevada Operations Aircraft Log Book", consisting of consecutively numbered pages from No. 361 through No. 385, and from No. 410 through No. 496. And I would like this file marked as exhibit No. 4 for this executive session.

[Whereupon, the document referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 4 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Wearley, could you produce the other logs which you brought with you today?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Now, wait a minute. Why don't you just ask him a question?

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. What other logs have you brought with you today?

Mr. WEARLEY. Cessna 421 log from January through December 1973.

Mr. LACKRITZ. January through December 1973.

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And this is current, is that correct?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Do any of the flights in this log book reflect flights of Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Wait a minute. Do you actually know that, or they don't reflect it?

Mr. WEARLEY. They don't reflect it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you know if Mr. Rebozo has flown on this airplane during this period of time?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, no.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Is there a possibility that Mr. Rebozo has flown on this airplane during this period of time?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Answer it the best you can.

Mr. LACKRITZ. To the best of your knowledge.

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, no.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, the question is simply, were you the pilot on each of these flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. So it is conceivable, then, that since you weren't the pilot, that anybody could have been on the flights that you weren't flying. Is that right?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And I think we ought to note for the record that this file consists of an 8½ by 11 manila envelope which is labeled "Cessna 421 Flight Log N8083Q, January through December 1973", and this file consists of—

Mr. WEARLEY. They should be numbered consecutively.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Let me just show that this file contains consecutively numbered white pages, 8½ by 11 white pages, entitled "Hughes Tool Co., West Coast Executive Offices, Aircraft Log Book", and it consists of consecutively numbered pages from No. 0456 through No. 0600, and from No. 0676 through No. 0691. And I would like the record to reflect that on No. 0600 the carry forward time is 12:09.1, and on No. 0676 the brought forward time is 12:09.1, so that would reflect the next flight of the aircraft. And I would like that marked exhibit No. 5 for today's executive session. We will make copies of this immediately, and return it to Mr. Wearley.

[Whereupon, the document referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 5 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Wearley, what is the other log that you are—

Mr. WEARLEY. This is the log of the Jet Star, the flight log from January 1973 through December 1973.

Mr. LACKRITZ. So that's also a current file?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And I noticed you just put a paperclip on a particular page. Is that to indicate anything in particular?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. Ten logs that are missing. Not missing, but a lapse in the numbers.

Mr. LACKRITZ. A lapse in the numbers—does that mean there were some flights which are not reflected?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All the flights are reflected?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. These are the only flights that—I mean, the numbers aren't numbered consecutively, so from 251 to 259 are missing. Those numbers are missing, but the times are continued there.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Let the record reflect that Mr. Wearley has handed over an 8½ by 11 manila file folder which is labeled "Flight Log—January–December 1973, Jet Star 5118–N333QA", and this file consists of a number of white pages entitled "Hughes Tool Co., West Coast Executive Offices, Aircraft Log Book" numbered from No. 0199 to No. 0250, with the next page being No. 0260, and going consecutively up through No. 0327. These are also current files of Mr. Wearley's, which means we will make copies immediately so we can return these to him, and I'd like that marked as exhibit No. 6 for today's executive session.

[Whereupon, the document referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 6 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. I'm just wondering if Mr. Wearley may have brought any other—

Mr. LENZNER. Go ahead, finish it up.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Wearley, did you bring any other logs with you?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. These are logs of two other Jet Stars. Can we have this off the record first?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Sure.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. We'll go back on the record.

Now why don't we look at those during the luncheon break and see if they are related to the information that we are looking for.

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know what you are looking for.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Now, Mr. Wearley, did you bring any other aircraft logs with you?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not aircraft logs.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. What other logs did you bring?

Mr. WEARLEY. No logs. These are the planning sheets, some of the planning sheets that I talked about, information that was transcribed to that other summary.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Why don't we do the same thing with respect to the planning sheets, and therefore we can see if there's any need to keep these or even make copies, if all of the information is on the summaries, and I am sure that we can return these to you today.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Let me just discuss one question. Oh, he's not finished yet.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Yes, I know.

Mr. LENZNER. Go ahead.

Mr. FREEDMAN. We're being very cooperative.

Mr. LACKRITZ. You're being extraordinarily cooperative, Mr. Freedman.

Mr. WEARLEY. And these are some De Haviland logs, 1971 De Haviland logs, which you have the original copies or part of the copies over there, the maintenance copies.

Mr. LACKRITZ. So these are other copies.

Mr. LENZNER. Are these originals to which some of the names—

Mr. WEARLEY. These are not originals. These are the second sheet.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And this is the third sheet.

Mr. WEARLEY. This is the third sheet. The originals, I don't know what happened to them. I turned them over to Mr. Seymour, who did something with them.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, Mr. Wearley, these should be duplicates of the files we already have?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Why don't we go through them over lunch and give them back to you after lunch if they are duplicative?

Mr. LENZNER. One of the things I want to check is, he said some of the passengers names may have gone through.

Mr. LACKRITZ. OK. Now, did you bring any other logs, diaries, memorandums, files or records of any kind?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, just part of my personal log that we had after—you have a copy of this small log here.

Mr. LACKRITZ. That is the document that you turned over that is marked exhibit No. 2.

Mr. WEARLEY. And after this book was filled we started keeping a log in a looseleaf binder like this folder, which indicates the information that is extracted from the aircraft log, placed on here because different pilots flew the aircraft, so that in order to keep one

individual's pilots records we have this form here. But this doesn't indicate the locations that we traveled to or from.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Explain to him why you have to have your individual flight time.

Mr. WEARLEY. By Federal air regs it requires us to keep a log of the day and the time and the departure point to keep track of our total time for the various currency requirements, and if you go in for a rating in a new aircraft you have to have proof of your time, and that is what we are required to keep. By law, this is all we are required to keep, a personal log, and the aircraft log merely needs to reflect the time. The aircraft log does not need to reflect where the aircraft went.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Do I understand you correctly? You were saying that the information which is contained on your personal flight log is reflective of information that you have turned over from these other flight logs themselves?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. What is the computer printout?

Mr. WEARLEY. The computer printout is an Air Force Reserve flying time that I keep in here to keep track of my total hours.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Why don't we look at that during lunch break too, and we will give that back to you after lunch.

Mr. LENZNER. Is that it?

Mr. WEARLEY. That is it.

Mr. LENZNER. Four quick questions. Did you ever fly to Palm Springs, Calif. with Governor Laxalt or Mr. Danner to your recollection?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, not to my recollection.

Mr. LENZNER. Oh, Governor Laxalt and Mr. Maheu.

Mr. WEARLEY. But there were flights with Governor Laxalt—I did fly Governor Laxalt personally and he has been on the aircraft, but I don't know if I flew him to Palm Springs, or if any of the pilots did.

Mr. LENZNER. That would show up, I take it, in the—we might be able to piece that together from your summary.

Mr. WEARLEY. Possibly, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever fly Mr. Hunt or Mr. G. Gordon Liddy?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever have any request from Mr. Winte to arrange for any flights to any Latin American countries or Central American countries?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. The summary shows an October 29, 1970 trip from Miami, Oklahoma City, destination Las Vegas, with a checkmark by it. Does that have any—do you remember who was on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if Mr. Danner was on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. How about Mr. Rebozo? Is it possible that he was?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it possible Mr. Rebozo was on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. I have no idea.

Mr. LENZNER. Does the pencil checkmark have any significance at all?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. I don't know where the pencil checkmark came from.

Mr. LENZNER. Why don't we break for lunch and come back at 2 o'clock? Mr. Freedman, is that OK?

Mr. LACKRITZ. It's approximately 12:30 p.m. If it's satisfactory with counsel, we can resume at 2 or 1:30 if the counsel would so desire.

[Discussion off the record.]

[Whereupon, the hearing in the above-entitled matter was recessed for lunch at 12:40 p.m., to be reconvened the same day.]

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. LENZNER. It is my recollection that these exhibits, as others, have been furnished over the objections of the witness and counsel, and pursuant to the rulings made previously by Senator Baker they are—

Mr. FREEDMAN. And Senator Talmadge.

Mr. LENZNER. And Senator Talmadge, they are marked as exhibits but are not admitted in evidence at this time, and are subject to further objection if the committee wishes to introduce them into evidence.

Mr. Freedman, do you want to add to that?

Mr. FREEDMAN. These are not submitted pursuant to the subpoena duces tecum received by the witness.

Mr. LENZNER. We won't get into that. The record is abundant with our colloquies in the past with counsel over that issue.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Well, first of all, before we get into any questioning, I would like the record to indicate that at this time I am handing Mr. Wearley exhibit No. 5, a manila file folder that he had given us before, which is labeled "Cessna 421 flight log, N8083Q," and I am also handing him exhibit 6, which is labeled "flight log, January to December, 1973, Jet Star 5118-N33QA," which the committee staff has made copies of, and I am returning him the originals at this time as they are current files.

Mr. LENZNER. I think we can also return other documents at the same time.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Let the record also indicate that I am returning at this time, to Mr. Wearley, a file marked "Flight Log—January–December 1973, Jet Star 5036–N1622D." and I am also returning to Mr. Wearley a file labeled "Robert F. Wearley—Flight Record," which includes a computer printout loose leaf in the file as Mr. Wearley handed it to us before lunch.

I wish to thank Mr. Wearley for providing his files to us. There may be some other information which we will return to Mr. Wearley in the course of the examination this afternoon.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Now, before I forget, when you finish photographing the rest of the material, I think you indicated you would return the originals of what you now have to Mr. Wearley. Mr. Wearley, would you tell them where to send it or have you already?

Mr. LENZNER. That's a good point. We ought to know that.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Where would you like these materials sent, Mr. Wearley?

Mr. WEARLEY. In care of myself, Corporate Air Transportation, P.O. Box 309, Las Vegas, Nev., ZIP code 89101.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Fine. We will return all originals and materials provided to the committee. Also, if we are going to keep—in fact, at this time I think it might be a good idea to label some of the materials that we didn't label this morning for identification, and have these identified in the record. So, at this time I would like to have the legal size manila folder labeled "DH 125, No. N208H—Aircraft Schedules," and consisting of a number of white pages with typing on them—why don't I count the pages.

Mr. WEARLEY. I would like to go back. We discussed this at lunch, after I had thought over the answer to one of the questions about, "Have I flown any Government officials?" I think that is the way the question was worded. There was a flight with some Government officials on board. I don't remember exactly all of their capacities or their titles. One in particular was Tim Ford, chief counsel to the Small Business Finance Committee at that time, and Willis Long—

Mr. LENZNER. Gillis Long?

Mr. WEARLEY. Gillis Long, and two other individuals. One was on, I think, Senator Russell's staff, Cavanaugh, something like that might have been his name. I'm not sure. And that flight was through New Orleans, La., and then into Washington.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Where did it originate?

Mr. WEARLEY. Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. Were there any Hughes officials on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't think so, not to my knowledge.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. There are 147 white pages with typing on them that are presently clipped into the file folder, and I would like that marked exhibit 7 for this executive session.

[Whereupon, the document referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 7 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LENZNER. May we have this marked as the next consecutive exhibit No.? It is entitled "Flight Log, Jet Star 5050, January–December 1973."

Mr. LACKRITZ. Let the record indicate that the file previously described has 54 white 8½ by 11 pages entitled "Hughes Tool Company, West Coast Executive Offices, Aircraft Log Book," and that should be marked exhibit 8.

[Whereupon, the document referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 8. for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Wearley, very briefly, what I was curious about—this shows flights to a variety of areas, and I wonder if you could tell us what is the main purpose for this plane? What is it used for primarily, the Jet Star 5050?

Mr. WEARLEY. Off the record?

Mr. LENZNER. All right, off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LENZNER. The reason I was confused about that explanation, that is, that they were Hughes' personal planes, I thought you said they were used primarily for Los Angeles–Vegas flights.

Mr. WEARLEY. They are.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, there are a number of other flights in there. In fact, there are flights to the Bahamas, I think, and a variety of other areas.

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, this particular airplane was at Mr. Davis' disposal for several months after we sold the De Haviland. It was determined in August of this year that Mr. Davis should have an aircraft at his disposal, and the De Haviland was the aircraft chosen. When the De Haviland was sold in September, this aircraft replaced the De Haviland for that purpose. So the most recent flights were those in support of Mr. Davis.

Mr. FREEDMAN. In addition to flying up and back from Los Angeles to Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, prior to that time it was back and forth between Van Nuys and Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. When did Mr. Davis become the primary user of the Jet Star 5050?

Mr. WEARLEY. In September.

Mr. LENZNER. Of 1973?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And who advised you of that?

Mr. WEARLEY. You mean, who advised me to replace the De Haviland with the Jet Star?

Mr. LENZNER. No. Who advised you that Mr. Davis was going to be using the 5050 sometime in September 1973, if anybody?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, no one, actually. In August, Mr. Gay discussed which airplane to give Mr. Davis, with Hughes, and at that time it was established that he would have an aircraft at his disposal, and after we sold the De Haviland, I don't recall exactly who I mentioned it to, but I said, "I assume we will replace it with a Jet Star," and this was the only—or the logical Jet Star to use at the time.

Mr. LENZNER. So what you are saying then is in August Mr. Davis was using the De Haviland.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And after that was sold, he began to use this Jet Star?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if there was any specific reason why Mr. Davis was going to have an airplane put at his disposal in August 1973?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Only if you know.

Mr. LENZNER. If you know. I mean, if you had been so advised.

Mr. WEARLEY. Just that he was extremely busy with various litigation for the company which required him to do a lot of moving around. The aircraft was also used to repay the Fluor Corp. for several flights that we owed them.

Mr. LENZNER. The what corporation?

Mr. WEARLEY. Fluor.

Mr. LENZNER. How do you spell that, sir?

Mr. WEARLEY. F-l-u-o-r.

Mr. LENZNER. And how are they associated with you all?

Mr. FREEDMAN. In other words, is there any corporate affiliation?

Mr. WEARLEY. There's no corporate affiliation. They flew several trips for us in the past and when we either didn't have an airplane or the airplane was undergoing maintenance or repairs, and we owed them a certain amount of time.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who made use of their services primarily or was it a variety of people or just specific people?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know. At one time they were flying into Lake Placid, N.Y.—in January of this year—to pick Mr. Davis up and the aircraft crashed, killing the crew members.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Which plane was this?

Mr. WEARLEY. The Fluor Corp.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Oh, the Fluor Corp.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know where they are located?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Which?

Mr. LENZNER. The Fluor Corp.

Mr. WEARLEY. No; I don't know exactly where their offices are, somewhere in the Los Angeles area. The Jet Star, their aircraft, is at the Burbank-Hollywood Airport.

Mr. LENZNER. There's one notation, for example, "September 17, 1973, Gd. Isle."

Mr. WEARLEY. Grand Island, Neb.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who was on that flight, who the passenger was?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; no I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. Where would the passengers for this plane be listed?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, they would be listed on the pink, second sheet that went to accounting.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't have that in your custody?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LENZNER. I would like to make an application for a summary—I don't think we need to know the originals of that, but if we can get a list without bringing the original documents, we can—if we can get a summary similar to the one you have already produced for the other ones, just showing a list of the passengers and the dates of these flights, I would appreciate it. Can that be made available to us?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. FREEDMAN. If it is agreeable to Mr. Wearley, we will try to get you that information so that it is readily available in useable form.

Mr. LENZNER. Thank you, Mr. Freedman.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That is also pursuant to the direction of the committee.

Mr. LENZNER. And over your objections.

Mr. WEARLEY. Which airplane and time, specifically, are you interested in?

Mr. LENZNER. Jet Star 5050 from January 1 to December 1973. Let me ask you this, Mr. Wearley. Does accounting perhaps also have—would they have passenger lists of a similar nature for the De Haviland?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes; from the period of time we started to list the passengers.

Mr. LENZNER. That would be 1971, then.

Mr. WEARLEY. Sometime in 1971. Again, there are times when the crew just forgets to do it.

Mr. LENZNER. We understand that.

Mr. WEARLEY. And we go back and try to remember as best we can who was on board, so again, it is not an absolutely accurate list.

Mr. LENZNER. We understand it is a best effort.

Mr. WEARLEY. In many cases we list the principal passenger plus four or five and not all of their names.

Mr. LENZNER. But accounting would not have any of this prior to 1971, sometime in 1971.

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, this also shows, for example, November 9, 1973, flight from Freeport. I take it it's Freeport, Bahamas to LaGuardia.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And the Jet Star 5050, do you have any knowledge as to who was on that flight as a passenger?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. Charles Wilson was the captain. At that time he was flying Mr. Davis and in most cases Mr. Davis was on board the aircraft, but I can't say whether he was on board that aircraft that time.

Mr. LENZNER. Now turning to what has been marked——

Mr. LACKRITZ. May I go off the record just for a second?

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LENZNER. Going back to exhibit 1, on January—it shows a flight January 5, 1970, does it not, Las Vegas–Kansas City, Kansas City–LaGuardia, LaGuardia–Waterville, and then Waterville–LaGuardia.

The first question is, do you have any recollection as to who was on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't remember if Mr. Danner was on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. Where is Waterville?

Mr. WEARLEY. Maine.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection of taking anybody up to Waterville, Maine? That is a little bit out of the way.

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, it is Mr. Maheu's home and we took Mr. Maheu in there on occasions, and his family.

Mr. LENZNER. And then you went on from LaGuardia on January 7, 1970, to District of Columbia, and then District of Columbia to Oklahoma City and finally on to Las Vegas.

Do you have any recollection of who was a passenger on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any way at all of refreshing your recollection on that?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Let me ask you this question. It shows flight time. Do you have any records that would show how long you were on the ground in Washington before returning to Oklahoma City and then Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. Those records show, the flight logs themselves show the Greenwich Mean Time that we take off and land.

Mr. SHEEHY. 1969?

Mr. LENZNER. 1970.

Mr. SHEEHY. They aren't in here. They don't start until March. The January through February logs are not included within these.

Mr. WEARLEY. 1969 or 1970?

Mr. SHEEHY. 1970.

Mr. WEARLEY. Are you sure?

Mr. SHEEHY. Yes. I couldn't find them.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Sheehy, why don't you give back to Mr. Wearley the flight logs you are referring to?

Mr. WEARLEY. OK. Well, that was when we just adopted this new form. Prior to that evidently all we had was the original that I kept in my office, and that is the one that I turned over to Mr. Seymour.

No; I wouldn't have the times in it that the aircraft was on the ground. My personal log shows the times prior to this, prior to those.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Pardon me. You had better say which is this and which are those.

Mr. WEARLEY. My personal logs show the flights prior to these, the aircraft logs, actual aircraft logs that you have there, but the personal log doesn't show the ground time.

Mr. LENZNER. In other words, exhibit 2, which is your personal logs, would not show how long the plane was on the ground.

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right, it would not show.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you deduce from going to that date in 1970, what time you arrived in Washington and what time you departed?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Again it just shows the duration but not the specific times?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right. It would only be if a night landing is indicated, then you would know that we landed at night.

Mr. LENZNER. Let's turn to that record. Let's see, that is—what did I say, January 7, 1970.

Mr. WEARLEY. OK. It was night landings. On January 5, one night landing, and also on the 7th.

Mr. LENZNER. But that doesn't show which airport.

Mr. WEARLEY. No; it doesn't. More than likely, LaGuardia, because that was the last flight of the day.

Mr. LENZNER. What about the 7th? Do you think the last flight of the day, then, so it would be Las Vegas at night.

Mr. WEARLEY. Right. LaGuardia and Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. What does classification 3.4 mean by January 7 on that date?

Mr. WEARLEY. That is the breakdown, pilot-co-pilot. Total flight time was 6.8 hours, pilot, 3.4, co-pilot 3.4.

Mr. LENZNER. I see. Does anybody keep records of when a plane arrives and when it departs at an airport?

Mr. WEARLEY. Control tower.

Mr. LENZNER. But the pilot does not have to make a marking somewhere of what time he arrives or what time he departs?

Mr. WEARLEY. You say the pilot?

Mr. LENZNER. Let me rephrase it, Mr. Wearley. On your aircraft logbook, doesn't that show landing and takeoff times?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. LENZNER. So if we got the January 7, 1972, aircraft logbook, theoretically that should reflect what time you arrived in the District of Columbia and what time you departed?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LENZNER. And where did you say those might be if they are not here?

Mr. WEARLEY. I turned over all of my records to Mr. Seymour in January 1971.

Mr. LENZNER. We have made a search and we do not find in the records produced today, the January 7, 1970 aircraft logbook.

Mr. LACKRITZ. That is correct.

Mr. LENZNER. Can we ask Mr. Freedman and Mr. Wearley if we could have that record produced?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Thank you.

Mr. FREEDMAN. With the same understanding about our objections and so forth.

Mr. WEARLEY. Prior to what date, was that on that 01 form there?

Mr. SHEEHY. March 16, I think.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Prior to March 16, 1970.

Mr. WEARLEY. OK.

Mr. LENZNER. I tell you what we would like, we would just like the remaining—any that you can find that weren't produced here today. Rather than giving specific dates, I think it would be easier just to get all.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Specifically, he began in 1969.

Mr. WEARLEY. Here are some September, October, November, December 1969, that I thought was a part of those over there, I didn't realize this wasn't the date, but here is what the log looked like, prior to that.

Mr. LENZNER. This is what you used before you used the aircraft logbook cards?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. When did you start using the aircraft logbook cards?

Mr. WEARLEY. March 1970.

Mr. LENZNER. So are you saying that January and February 1970 will be in this form—that is the form?

Mr. WEARLEY. It should be in a form similar to that, yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Similar to that meaning what?

Mr. WEARLEY. Similar to that log you are holding in your hand.

Mr. LENZNER. That's marked September 1969, form 1?

And perhaps, Marc, you would like to have these marked as exhibits?

Mr. LACKRITZ. I think we should get copies of those, we do not have copies as yet.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't have January and February also do you, for yourself?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; that's it, I don't have January and February.

Mr. LENZNER. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Back on the record, again.

Mr. Wearley, these four files that you handed me are marked September 1969, October 1969, November 1969, and December 1969, do you have any other logs prior to September 1969?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do any logs prior to September 1969 exist to your knowledge?

Mr. WEARLEY. They did exist at one time and I turned them over to Mr. Seymour in January 1971.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. In other words, they would be on forms similar to the files that you just turned over. Would they go all the way back to January 1969, when you began your employment?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know the exact date they would go back to because I don't recall exactly when we started keeping this type of form. Prior to that, the log was kept on a book on the airplane and that logbook went with the airplane.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, prior to September 1969 there would be a book with these records in it?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; there would be similar forms that started at a certain date.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And those would be in the custody of Mr. Seymour?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know if Mr. Seymour has them or not because most of these forms came from his files, those that you are holding, the summary, the copies of the logbook, all came from his files.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, so in other words, then, you do not know as yet whether or not there are copies of the logs available, prior to September 1969?

Mr. WEARLEY. That is correct. I don't know if they are available or not.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, could you check on that?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Along with January and February 1970, I think, those are the only months—and then the prior months to September 1969—which are missing at this point.

I would like to have marked at this time, this 8½ by 11 file, labeled "September 1, 1969," form 1, consisting of 15 white pages with typing and writing on them—marked as exhibit 9 in this executive session.

[Whereupon, the material referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 9 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. And I would like this manila file, 8½ by 11, labeled "October 1969," form 1, consisting of three white pages with typing and writing on them, marked exhibit 10.

[Whereupon, the material referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 10 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. And I would like the file that is labeled "November 1969," form 1, consisting of two packets of clipped white pages, the first packet being loose in the folder, consisting of 10 pages 8½ by 11 white paper with typing and writing on them; the second packet consisting of 11 pages with typing and writing on them, marked exhibit 11.

[Whereupon, the material referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 11 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Finally, I would like the file labeled December 1969, form 1, with 16 white pages, marked as exhibit 12.

[Whereupon, the material referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 12 for identification and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LENZNER. Now looking at exhibit 1, Mr. Wearley, there is a trip here on January 24, 1970, Acapulco-Houston, Houston-Washington, and then on January 25, 1970, Washington-LaGuardia; LaGuardia-Tulsa; Tulsa-Las Vegas.

Going back to the flight that originated on January 24 in Acapulco and ended in Washington on the 24th, do you know who was on that flight, or do you have any recollection?

Mr. WEARLEY. As I recall, the Maheu family, meaning Mr. and Mrs. Maheu, and possibly one or two of their children, flew to Acapulco and we departed Acapulco with Mr. Maheu only for Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Danner also on board that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No; I think Mr. Maheu was alone on that flight.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know what the purpose of that flight to Washington was?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You had no discussions with him about the purpose of that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether Mr. Danner was in Washington during that period of time?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't know if he was.

Mr. LENZNER. But you are sure that he was not on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. I am reasonably sure he was not on board the flight, from Acapulco to Houston to Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. Now do you know who went on the flight from Washington to LaGuardia on January 25, 1970?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who went from LaGuardia to Tulsa and then Las Vegas on January 27?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, no I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know the purpose of the trip to LaGuardia on the 25th?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. Would you turn to March 18 on that same exhibit, March 18, 1970, and specifically the flight Kansas City to Washington, D.C. Do you have any recollection of who might have been on that flight as passengers?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or what the purpose of the trip was?

Mr. WEARLEY. I have no idea. This indicates, of course, we returned to Las Vegas and the flight originated from Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. When you say—what you're referring to—so the record is clear—is that the prior day is March 17 and it shows Santa Monica, and I take it you are saying you went to Santa Monica from Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LENZNER. And then Las Vegas to Kansas City to Washington?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LENZNER. Would Kansas City have been a fueling stop?

Mr. WEARLEY. Refueling stop.

Mr. LENZNER. OK, and on the 19th you went D.C. to LaGuardia. Any idea who was on that trip?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Now let me ask you this. Would you have gone back, it shows on the 20th that you went from Washington, D.C. to Miami. I take it you would have gone—that would mean then that you would have gone from LaGuardia to Washington, D.C., even though that is not reflected on that log?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LENZNER. Let the record reflect that Mr. James Moore of our staff just entered the room.

Do you have any recollection of who was on the flight on March 20 from Washington to Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Is it possible that you picked up Mr. Rebozo in Washington on the 20th and brought him to Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. It's possible, but I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't have any recollection about that. Now, on March 21 you went to Wichita Falls, would that mean you went to Wichita Falls from Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. Miami, Wichita Falls, and Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. I see, so Las Vegas does not show on that chart but you are sure that you would have been in Las Vegas by the night of March 21?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Wichita Falls, again being a—I take it—a fuel stop?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Terry, would the actual logs help refresh the recollection about maybe staying overnight or something like that? Also, of the times that are listed next to the landing and take-off cities, are these based on Greenwich Mean Time?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. They are never times in the city, but rather Greenwich?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LENZNER. You are making reference to an item on document Hughes Nevada Operations Aircraft Log Book. Going back to the March 18, 1970 trip, Mr. Wearley, does it help at all in refreshing

your recollection as to who might have been on the flight or when—how long you were in Washington, by showing you the Aircraft Log Book entries for those dates?

Mr. WEARLEY. It may refresh my memory, I will look. No, there's nothing there.

Mr. LENZNER. Would that show how long you were in Washington?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. How long does it show? First of all, which entries are you making reference to?

Mr. WEARLEY. The question is how long was I in Washington?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. WEARLEY. All right, on the 18th—

Mr. FREEDMAN. Of what?

Mr. LENZNER. March.

Mr. WEARLEY. We landed in Washington 20:18 Zulu Greenwich Mean Time?

Mr. LENZNER. Could you translate that?

Mr. WEARLEY. Approximately 4:20 p.m. on the 18th of March 1970.

Mr. FREEDMAN. When you talk about American time, you're talking about standard time. If it happens to be in the summer and you give American time—

Mr. WEARLEY. I said "approximately".

Mr. FREEDMAN [continuing]. It may be an hour off.

Mr. WEARLEY. It may be an hour off.

Mr. LENZNER. When you put 21:16 down there wouldn't that be Washington, D.C. time?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, that's Greenwich Mean Time.

Mr. LENZNER. I see.

Mr. WEARLEY. And then Washington, D.C. time would be—

Mr. FREEDMAN. Either 5 or 6 hours.

Mr. WEARLEY. Minus 5 or 6 hours, depending on—

Mr. LENZNER. OK, I never understood that before.

Mr. WEARLEY. Then we departed Washington on the—at approximately 8 a.m., Washington, D.C. time, on March 19, 1970.

Mr. LENZNER. For LaGuardia Airport?

Mr. WEARLEY. For LaGuardia.

Mr. LENZNER. And you arrived at LaGuardia—

Mr. WEARLEY. 40 minutes later.

Mr. LENZNER. And when did you leave LaGuardia and return to Washington?

Mr. WEARLEY. Approximately 5:15 p.m., New York time, the same day and an hour and 5 minutes later landed at Washington, D.C.

Mr. LENZNER. That's again, March 19, 1970?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And I think we can stipulate that those cards do not reflect the names of any of the passengers that might have been on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LENZNER. And on March 20 you left Washington and arrived in Miami at what time? Looking again at the Operations Aircraft Log Book.

Mr. WEARLEY. We departed Washington at 1:40, approximately 1:40 p.m.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Washington time?

Mr. WEARLEY. Washington, D.C. time. March 20, 1970, and arrived at Miami 2 hours and 23 minutes later, which was approximately 2 p.m.

Mr. LENZNER. And then showing you Aircraft Log Book item 006, shows you leaving Miami on March 21?

Mr. WEARLEY. A correction on this card. We departed Washington, D.C., approximately 11:40, I said 1:40 I think before, approximately 11:40 and landed 2 hours and 23 minutes later in Miami.

Mr. LENZNER. And that's referring to the date of the March 20 flight to Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. Right.

Mr. LENZNER. And then you left Miami on March 21?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, at approximately 11:15 Miami time.

Mr. LENZNER. That's in the morning?

Mr. WEARLEY. In the morning, 11:15 a.m., and was refueling at Washington, at Wichita Falls, Tex., 3 hours and 30 minutes later. We were on the ground 36 minutes, or 26 minutes, and departed for Las Vegas, Nev., arriving Las Vegas, Nev., 2 hours and 40 minutes later.

Mr. LENZNER. Thank you, sir.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Thank you very much, Mr. Wearley.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record?

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Looking at April 24, it shows a flight again from—April 24 from Kansas City to Washington, D.C. Do you have any recollection at all of who might have been on that flight?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you say 1970?

Mr. LENZNER. 1970, yes.

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't recall who was on that flight on April 24, 1970.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir, let me just show you your Aircraft Log Book entries numbered 018 and 019 and see if that helps refresh your recollection as to who might have been on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't recall who had been on that flight.

Mr. LENZNER. It does show a trip on the 25th from Washington, D.C. to Waterville, Maine—wait a minute, is that right?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, Washington, D.C., to Westchester County, and Westchester County to Waterville, Maine.

Mr. LENZNER. Would that mean anything in terms of who might have been on that flight? The fact that you went to Waterville? You said before that Maheu lived there and I wondered if that meant that he might have gotten on or gotten off the flight at—

Mr. WEARLEY. That's a possibility, I can't say for sure.

Mr. LENZNER. All right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did anyone, other than Mr. Maheu, go to Waterville, Maine, or Mr. Maheu's family to your recollection, the best of your recollection?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, no one other than the family.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, it would have been one of his family that you would have either picked up in Waterville or taken to Waterville on this occasion?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes. It would not necessarily have been his immediate family, but nephews and that sort of—I don't ever recall flying anyone in or out of Waterville that wasn't a part of the Maheu family, associated in some way.

Mr. LENZNER. Now again back to the summary of exhibit 1, on July 3, 1970, it reflects a trip does it not, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Reno. Do you have any recollection of who might have been on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Now do you have any recollection of ever being asked to determine what the closest airport to San Clemente was?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if you ever flew Mr. Danner to the Los Angeles area for the purposes of his visiting San Clemente?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or anybody else to visit San Clemente?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't recall ever being asked to fly anyone in the Los Angeles area, for the purpose of visiting San Clemente.

Mr. LENZNER. OK, now August 9, 1970, you show a trip Las Vegas to Santa Ana. Is Santa Ana in the proximity of Newport Beach?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection of who was on that flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not on that specific flight, we made numerous trips to Santa Ana with the Maheus on board.

Mr. LENZNER. How about Danner? Did you ever take him to Santa Ana?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the purpose of the Maheu trips to Newport Beach, if you know?

Mr. WEARLEY. The Maheus had an apartment at Balboa Bay Club, and a yacht parked in the Bay.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever stay at the Balboa Bay Club yourself?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not overnight. I visited the apartment, had lunch.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever see Mr. Maheu with other individuals at the Balboa Bay Club?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, I was invited to a Christmas party at the apartment, I can't recall exactly who was there, the other pilot and his wife, my wife, Rosco and Missy Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Maheu and their son Billy and their daughter Christine and her boyfriend—

Mr. LENZNER. How about Hank Greenspun? Did you ever see him there?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. There?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not at that party, I saw Hank Greenspun at the Balboa Bay Club.

Mr. LENZNER. With whom? With Mr. Maheu?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, to the best of my knowledge it was Ed Morgan.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember when that was?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall the dates, no.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember who you flew out to Santa Ana on that occasion?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I can't recall, but Mr. Greenspun and Mr. Morgan were passengers, either going or coming, for some reason. Mr. Greenspun bought us lunch in the Balboa Bay Club.

Mr. LENZNER. One time you took Greenspun and a patient it showed in the De Havilland, do you remember who that patient was?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I was told he was a personal friend of Mr. Hughes and he didn't want to fly and he agreed to fly if Mr. Greenspun accompanied him. We flew Mr. Greenspun, his wife—Mr. Greenspun's wife—this gentleman and his wife and a male nurse. There were five passengers.

Mr. LENZNER. But you don't remember the name of that individual?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't. He was old and elderly and ill. He was going to a clinic in—someplace in the New York area.

Mr. LENZNER. You put a couch on board for that flight, is that right?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, there's always a couch on board as part of the aircraft configuration.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Did you say where they flew?

Mr. WEARLEY. Where? I think we came into LaGuardia.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Sorry, Terry.

Mr. LENZNER. That's all right, does anyone else have any questions about this?

Mr. LACKRITZ. No, the only question I have is on the flight log, it indicated that you were going to fly from Los Angeles to Reno on July 2, but that the flight was cancelled. Do you recall any reason why that flight was cancelled?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall staying overnight on that occasion?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't.

Mr. LACKRITZ. OK.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever fly with Murray Chotiner on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, to the best of my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. And did you say you never flew Ehrlichman nor Haldeman nor President Nixon?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, I did not fly any of those gentlemen.

Mr. LENZNER. You might remember them.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly former Senator George Smathers on your plane?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, no.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, now looking at—now again I notice a checkmark next to August 18, 1970, Las Vegas, Sacramento, Reno, is there any significance to that checkmark, to your knowledge?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't know who placed it there?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And does it reflect anywhere on your summary that you went to Miami, Fla. on August 19 or 20 of 1970?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or to Washington, D.C., on or about August 21 through 24?

Mr. FREEDMAN. What year?

Mr. LENZNER. Of 1970?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Looking at the date, September 9, 1970, it shows, does it not, a flight Las Vegas to Kansas City to LaGuardia; and September 11, LaGuardia to Washington, D.C. and return to Las Vegas. Do you have any recollection of who was on board on either September 9 or September 11?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you, on occasion, have Mr. Ed Morgan on board with other individuals besides Mr. Greenspun?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, I think possibly we did.

Mr. LENZNER. On a number of occasions?

Mr. WEARLEY. I would not say on a number of occasions, once, twice, I can't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. With Mr. Danner and Mr. Maheu?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Beginning on October 25, 1970, it shows a trip Las Vegas to Santa Ana, Santa Ana back to Las Vegas; on the 22d, the 24th, the 25th. Do you have any recollection of who might have been on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Is there any significance to the fact that in that short a period of time the plane made three trips to the same place?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't think there is any significance to it.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection of who was on board on the 27th of October 1970 when you went from Las Vegas to Indianapolis, to Washington, D.C., and then on to LaGuardia and then back to Washington?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. I recall one time of going to Indianapolis, Ind., with Mr. Maheu and Peter Maheu, but whether or not that was this trip, I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. How about Mr. Danner?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And then you went on the 28th from Washington to Miami and on the 29th from Miami to Las Vegas, do you remember who was on either of those trips?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. May we just go off the record for a second?

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, let's go back on the record. Do you ever recall flying Mr. Danner any place when Mr. Danner was the sole passenger on the airplane?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I can't recall specifically, I do recall on one occasion Mr. Danner was the only person on the airplane on a return flight to Las Vegas.

Mr. LACKRITZ. From where?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall, I just recall him sitting in the jump seat and us dodging thunderstorms on arrival at Las Vegas.

Mr. LACKRITZ. But you don't recall from where the flight originated?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, no; I don't.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall any flights alone with Mr. Danner from Las Vegas to Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't recall any.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall any flights with only Mr. Danner and Mr. Maheu on any occasion?

Mr. WEARLEY. I can't recall the specific flights, no. But I do know there were times when just the two of them were on board.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall any specific flights to Miami, Fla., with just the two of them on board?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I can't recall a specific flight.

Mr. LACKRITZ. OK, do you have any knowledge, you say you recall some flights where just the two of them were on board, is there anyway with all the records that you have produced today, that we might help to refresh your recollection on which flights those may have been?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't see how they could.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, let me get to another subject. There obviously is a means for ground-air communication on the airplane for pilot controls and messages from the tower and that type of thing, is there any other system of communication whereby individuals, say in Las Vegas, could get in touch with executives who were flying on the plane? Is there a telephonic system that was set up?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, there was on the De Haviland, there was an hf radio that had phone patching capability through a radio station in Oakland, Calif.; Miami, Fla.; or New York. The only way anyone could contact someone on the airplane would be through prior arrangements and the pilots would have to be monitoring that frequency, but that was never done. We did, on occasion, initiate calls to these stations and request phone patches.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, what is a phone patch?

Mr. WEARLEY. A phone patch is a capability of patching—the radio conversation in through a telephone.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Were any written records maintained concerning the times that you may have initiated air to ground contact?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. No? In the passenger area of the plane, would there be any records of any kind reflecting notes that individuals may have written during flight time, based on conversations they may have had with people on the ground?

Mr. WEARLEY. What was the question again?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Is there any facility in the passenger area of the plane to keep written records of communications with people on the ground during the flight?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. OK, do you recall initiating any of the calls when you were flying on behalf of Mr. Danner?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall for whom you specifically made such requests?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you make any for Mr. Maheu?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, yes; once, twice perhaps.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have any recollection as to the substance of those calls?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. I recall on one occasion I wasn't able to make contact. On another occasion I told him I wouldn't have time, we were starting our descent for landing and it takes time to establish that contact.

Mr. SHEEHY. Is there any billing mechanism, even though you wouldn't keep records, perhaps the radio stations that you used for patching in, would have kept records in order, say, to bill you for the use of their facilities?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well I'm sure the radio stations that we called would have, possibly would have some sort of record, but to the best of my knowledge there was never any phone calls placed, other than to arrange ground transportation or something of that nature, not to conduct business because the hf radio is open to anyone that wants to monitor on that frequency.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have any other questions about the passengers or the communications systems? All right, this morning you mentioned in response to some questions from Mr. Lenzner, on one occasion you responded to picking up Mr. Rebozo at the Palomar Airport and returning him to Las Vegas, and we're going to go through the logs to try to determine which specific time that was.

I am showing you exhibit 1 and the page from September 1970, showing two flights. Las Vegas-Palomar, would those have been the flights—either of those—been the flights, to your knowledge?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't have any idea. I don't think so. I think it would have had to be the first part, or prior to September 1969, that that particular flight took place because if I recall, Mr. Triola was the one that mentioned that Mr. Rebozo was President Nixon's friend and about that period of time I was no longer reporting to Mr. Triola because he wouldn't have had an occasion to tell me who the passenger was.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Can we have, on the record, that after you took your recess, Mr. Lenzner did not return?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Yes, we certainly can have that on the record. Mr. Lenzner was called to a meeting and regrets his absence. This morning I know Mr. Lenzner pointed out to you on April 20, 1969, April 21, 1969, there were two trips, Las Vegas-Palomar-Las Vegas, on 1 day and then on the following day another trip Las Vegas-Palomar-Las Vegas. Could these—could this have been the occasion?

Mr. WEARLEY. It's a possibility, however, I do recall flying some people to Palomar for a golf tournament at the La Costa Country Club and we took two loads of people down and I think the next day we went down to pick up a load and return.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, so most likely that would not have been the occasion either?

Mr. WEARLEY. I would say most likely it wasn't the occasion.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Fine, then on June 22, 1969, the log indicates one flight from Las Vegas to Palomar to Las Vegas.

Mr. WEARLEY. That could possibly be it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And that would seem to be, at least from your recollection, most likely then?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That is entirely surmise.

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Entirely surmise on his part, certainly.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think we'd better stop getting surmises.

Mr. LACKRITZ. We will be happy to stop getting surmises. We are interested in what the witness knows.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, back on, please.

Mr. Wearley, you mentioned earlier, or you mentioned off the record—have you flown Mr. Ralph Winte on any occasion, to the best of your recollection, since he has begun his work with Summa Corp.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Where have you flown Mr. Winte? To what cities, to the best of your knowledge? Have you flown him from Las Vegas to Washington on any occasion?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you remember.

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, I never flew him to Washington.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That is all, that was the question.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Where do you recall flying Mr. Winte?

Mr. WEARLEY. Whenever we flew Mr. Winte, in most cases, he was accompanying Mr. Gay, and I recall him being on board at Salt Lake City in February of this year, he was on a flight to Europe.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, do you recall having any discussions with Mr. Winte during the times you were flying? Did Mr. Winte ever sit in the jump seat between the pilots?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I had a discussion with him on the ground at the Shannon Airport, Shannon, Ireland. he was the first one back to the airplane, first passenger and no one else was around, and we just discussed general things, him coming to work for the company.

Mr. LACKRITZ. When was this discussion?

Mr. WEARLEY. February of this year.

Mr. LACKRITZ. February 1973?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Have you ever had any discussion with Mr. Winte of any contact that he may have had with Mr. E. Howard Hunt or Mr. G. Gordon Liddy?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have knowledge of such contacts that were alleged to have occurred?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you observe Mr. Hunt's testimony on television, or did you hear or read of Mr. Hunt's testimony which discussed plans for breaking into the offices of Mr. Herman Greenspun?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't remember what Mr. Hunt said on TV, so I don't know whether the witness knows anything about any plans.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, did you read or did you observe Mr. Howard Hunt's testimony when he testified before the Senate Select Committee?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I didn't read nor did I hear it. I heard it from someone else.

Mr. LACKRITZ. From whom did you hear?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall, some third party saying, "Did you hear about that?" that type thing.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, did you have any—subsequent to that testimony—did you have any discussions with either Mr. Winte or any of Mr. Winte's employees, about the alleged plan to break into Mr. Greenspun's safe?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. We finally got to something that has got something to do, maybe, with the 1972 campaign. Go ahead.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Thank you, counsel. Well, did you ever hear other employees of the Summa Corp. discussing this alleged plan to break into Mr. Greenspun's office?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. You have not heard any other people discussing it, nor have you discussed it with anyone else in the Summa Corp.

Mr. FREEDMAN. You mean besides general chit-chat?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Or general chit-chat.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, general chit-chat, just, I guess possibly among the pilots, maybe someone asking me, "Did you know anything about it?" or "Is that true?" that type of comment, but that's the only—

Mr. LACKRITZ. And when someone would ask you if you knew anything about it, what did you reply to them?

Mr. WEARLEY. I said I know nothing about it.

Mr. FREEDMAN. And he testified he did not know anything about it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I know that, I was differentiating between what he knew himself and what other people may have discussed with him.

All right, did—in the spring, early spring of 1972, do you recall anyone coming to you and asking to reserve a private plane for a special project of some kind?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Have you ever flown to any Latin American countries on behalf of the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Which Latin American countries?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mexico, Nicaragua.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And when were these flights that you are referring to, in what period of time did you fly to these countries?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, Mexico starting in early 1969, until Maheu left the company, we made frequent trips to Mexico. Then, starting September 1972, we made several trips to Nicaragua while Mr. Hughes was living there.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, and at whose directions would you fly to Nicaragua?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Frank Gay's office.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see, did you ever take Mr. Winte to Nicaragua?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, Richard, any questions about the Winte break-in—correction on the record, the possible Winte involvement?

Mr. SCHULTZ. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Lee, Emily? OK, at this time, Mr. Wearley, you still report to Mr. Jack Real, is that correct?

Mr. WEARLEY. That's right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you still receive your directions from Mr. Real?

Mr. WEARLEY. No—directions for flights originate from Mr. Frank Gay's office.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. What are Mr. Real's responsibilities right now?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know.

Mr. LACKRITZ. If you know.

Mr. WEARLEY. He is director of the Transportation Group of the Summa Corp. which entails Hughes Helicopters, the Hughes Nevada Airport Operations, now called Hughes Aviation Services.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And where is Mr. Real presently located?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Real's office is on Encino Boulevard, I mean I don't know where Mr. Real is physically located at this time.

Mr. LACKRITZ. How often do you communicate with Mr. Real?

Mr. WEARLEY. Oh, once or twice a month.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Is that by telephone or is that by written communication?

Mr. WEARLEY. Both. I talk with his office, he has an administrative assistant and a secretary. I talk with his office frequently.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see.

Mr. WEARLEY. Some flights originate out of his office, I am called by his administrative assistant to go on certain flights.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall ever flying with Governor Laxalt to Palm Springs, Calif.?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't.

Mr. LACKRITZ. If you were to fly to Palm Springs, which airport would you land in?

Mr. WEARLEY. Only one, Palm Springs.

Mr. LACKRITZ. There is a Palm Springs Airport?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you ever recall flying Robert Finch on your plane?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Have you ever met Mr. Finch?

Mr. WEARLEY. To the best of my knowledge, I haven't met him.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, when you flew Governor Laxalt as you testified earlier, do you recall the locations where you would generally fly, or where you specifically flew?

Mr. WEARLEY. I flew him personally from Las Vegas to Reno. Another crew, Joe Williams and Charles Wilson flew him from Reno to Washington, D.C. and back on another occasion.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And do you recall when that was?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Would it have been recently? Or a long while?

Mr. WEARLEY. It was while he was—

Mr. LACKRITZ. While he was still Governor?

Mr. WEARLEY. I think it was while he was still Governor.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have any idea what the purpose of his visit was on that occasion?

Mr. WEARLEY. Officially, no. Either newspaper accounts, I think it was newspaper accounts, he was—had a meeting with President Nixon in regard to whether he would run for Senator of Nevada.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you—did you have any involvement, or did you have any knowledge about the proposed acquisition by the Hughes Tool Co. of Air West?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I didn't. I believe that all took place prior to my employment.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Well, the deal may have been announced before you were employed. I'm not sure of the date it was actually closed.

Mr. WEARLEY. No, the deal wasn't closed before I was employed because I flew the people to San Francisco for the actual signing, I guess.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Wait, he's mixed up.

Mr. WEARLEY. For closing?

Mr. FREEDMAN. The closing did not take place in San Francisco. Now, wait a minute, the closing may have, I take that back. I am mixed up.

Mr. LACKRITZ. We appreciate that openness, Mr. Freedman.

Mr. FREEDMAN. There are very few occasions I get mixed up, I will admit it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, do you recall any flights that you may have conducted or taken in which you may have taken individuals from the Hughes Tool Co. to meet with Government representatives in Washington to discuss Civil Aeronautics Board approval?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't recall.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, do you have any knowledge of any contacts from the Hughes Tool Co. people with any individuals to expedite White House approval for the acquisition?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have any knowledge of any of that?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, none whatsoever.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall ever flying any individuals who you would have recognized as being employees of the Dunes Hotel, any place?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. No? Earlier you mentioned that at one point you saw a memo that listed the individuals who were authorized to give you flight directions and you said it listed specifically General Nigro and Mr. Maheu and a few other people at that time. Do you still have a copy of that memo?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't know whether he said he had a memo, or he was told that.

Mr. WEARLEY. It was a memo.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I think he said memo.

Mr. WEARLEY. But I don't know if I have that copy or not, I doubt it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right, Dick?

Mr. SCHULTZ. A couple of general questions.

When you travel around the country, are you on an expense account?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Do you submit hotel and meals and other necessary expenses to Summa Corp. for reimbursement?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Would any of these expense records refresh your recollection as to where you had been and possibly the passengers who you might have transported?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well it would refresh me as to where I had been, but I see no way that it would reflect the passengers unless I bought them a meal and indicated their name on there which is very rare, or I pick up their hotel tab or their automobile rental, which we do on occasion, when they don't have time to do it.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Where does your responsibility end with the transportation of the passengers?

Mr. WEARLEY. Usually, when they depart the airplane or at arrival at the airplane.

Mr. SCHULTZ. You do not make hotel reservations, provide limousine service, car rental, as a normal part of your job?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not as a normal part, no.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. SCHULTZ. You had mentioned earlier that your group or operation had transferred to Nassau. Would you be a little more specific on that, did you physically move to Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And the men reporting to you, your staff?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And when was this?

Mr. WEARLEY. In December 1970 we started making numerous flights to Nassau and took up residence in permanent rooms at the Emerald Beach Hotel. Then in June of 1971 the families joined their husbands living in the Bahamas, with the exception of Charles Wilson.

At this period of time, the De Haviland was not flying many hours, and it was on the west coast most of the time, so Charles Wilson stayed on the west coast, either Las Vegas or Los Angeles. The rest of us were all living physically in the Bahamas with our families.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I believe you stated that at this time the De Haviland was under the—under Jack Price, who was a mechanic in Van Nuys. Is that correct?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. It was still—it wasn't turned over to him until about 6 months later, I would estimate.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, did Jack Price report to you?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. To whom did he report?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know.

Mr. SCHULTZ. If you know.

Mr. WEARLEY. He reports to Bruce Burke, who in turn reports to Mr. Jack Real.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And what is Mr. Burke's title, if you know?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know his title.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, was there more than one segment having to do with air transportation in the Hughes or Summa Corp.?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Complex.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Complex, yes. Thank you.

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Wait a minute.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. FREEDMAN. I was trying to refresh his recollection, and I was wrong.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Your answer is no to that? What division or section does Jack Price and the nine people who report to him work under in the Summa Corp.?

Mr. WEARLEY. They work under the transportation group, reporting to Mr. Jack Real, and they perform maintenance on various aircraft that belong to Mr. Hughes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Directly or indirectly?

Mr. WEARLEY. Directly or indirectly.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Are you still located in Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. Las Vegas, Nev.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When did the group move back from Nassau?

Mr. WEARLEY. February of 1972.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And since February of 1972 has your organization, your pilots and the groups that you function with, stayed in Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. They moved back to Las Vegas around the summer, June, July, and August, of 1972. In the interim, they were at various locations in the country.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I'm not sure I need to pursue that any further.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Have you ever taken any flights to the Dominican Republic?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. Is Santo Domingo a part of the Dominican Republic?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Yes, it is.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes, we have made a flight there for the Sands Hotel in recent months to pick up four men and transport them to Las Vegas.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Were any of these individuals recognizable to you?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. And so you don't know the names of these individuals?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Who directed you to go on that flight, if you can recall?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, I didn't personally fly the flight. Charles Wilson and Warren Batchelor and James Hildegard flew the flight, but the coordination was set up through Harry Goodhart, the casino manager of the Sands Hotel.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Do you know Mr. James Golden?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. How did you know Mr. Golden?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, I knew him officially through the company by his position and title, and then I flew him several times.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall the locations where you flew Mr. Golden?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I couldn't state exactly.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall who Mr. Golden was generally with when he flew?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly Mr. Golden and Mr. Danner together alone?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, not to my knowledge.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly Mr. Hooper any place?

Mr. WEARLEY. Mr. Jack Hooper?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Yes.

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly Mr. Hooper to Florida?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall where you might have flown Mr. Hooper, or where you did fly Mr. Hooper?

Mr. WEARLEY. Numerous times to Reno, Nev.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And that was for the purpose of what?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know.

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, I don't know what official business, but I know we—I was invited to the lodge and spent the night there with him. He used to like to relax weekends up at the lodge at Reno.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly Mr. Tom Bell in your plane?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you fly Mr. Bell frequently?

Mr. WEARLEY. I would say, "yes."

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly Mr. Bell down to Florida—down to Miami?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Where would you generally fly Mr. Bell?

Mr. WEARLEY. The Los Angeles area.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And for what purposes would you fly Mr. Bell there?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Obviously.

Mr. WEARLEY. I have no idea. I do know that we flew him on one of the Palomar flights. They were attending the golf tournament at La Costa Country Club.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Do you have any personal knowledge of the two \$50,000 contributions that were taken by Mr. Danner to Mr. Rebozo in 1969 or 1970?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Have you ever had any discussions with Mr. Danner about those contributions?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Have you ever had any discussions with any other employees of the Summa Corp. about those contributions?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Have you been interviewed about these contributions by anyone else?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. You weren't asked about them by the IRS or anyone else?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. What other agencies have you been interviewed by, Mr. Wearley.

Mr. WEARLEY. None. Other agencies? Government agencies?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Have you been interviewed by Intertel?

Mr. WEARLEY. Indirectly. I don't know. I was interviewed by Mr. Cromar.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Now this is about what? About anything?

Mr. LACKRITZ. I'm just asking him if he was—yes. What did Mr. Cromar interview you about?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Now, I'm going to tell him not to—you're getting into a work product.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Not his work product.

Mr. FREEDMAN. It's all tied in together. Mr. Cromar is the man who does the investigative work for Summa Corp. I'm not going to let you slide into that.

Mr. LACKRITZ. You're not even going to let me ask Mr. Wearley?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Go ahead. Ask your question.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Wearley, were you interviewed by any other individuals in the last year or so, besides Mr. Cromar, about any activities that you have been involved in?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. What did Mr. Cromar interview you about?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Don't answer that. You're getting into our work product.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Can you give me—I think, the subject, at least which we discussed today, you can at least talk about the subjects of the general nature of the interview, in terms if it—or in relation to pending litigation. We're certainly going to have to identify that litigation before we can maintain it is privileged.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. FREEDMAN. All right. I will permit him to answer this question. I think that's it. Go ahead, answer that question.

Mr. WEARLEY. I forgot the question. Generally, the interview, I think, was merely to acquaint Mr. Winte and Mr. Cromar with my background, my operation, my involvement with Maheu, those people, how I was hired, the type of work we did, et cetera, just so they would know a little bit about it, because they were new to the organization.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Who else was present during the interview?

Mr. WEARLEY. Just myself and Mr. Cromar.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Just the two of you? And when was this interview conducted?

Mr. WEARLEY. Oh, I think possibly a year ago.

Mr. LACKRITZ. A year ago. OK. And do you know in conjunction with which litigation that was pending it was conducted?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Back on the record.

He just described he was interviewed by Mr. Cromar and the subject as general background of his hiring and relationship to Mr. Maheu, and it was with Mr. Cromar alone, and that was about it.

Do you know—if you have knowledge on this, obviously—do you know if Mr. Danner and Mr. Maheu often flew commercial instead of using the private planes?

Mr. WEARLEY. I know they flew commercial, I wouldn't say how often.

Mr. LACKRITZ. If they flew commercial, who would make the reservations for them, for Mr. Maheu, for example?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know.

Mr. LACKRITZ. If you know.

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know.

Mr. LACKRITZ. For Mr. Danner?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't know.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you have any knowledge of how reservations or flights were scheduled by the Hughes Nevada operations outside of the private flights?

Mr. WEARLEY. Well, usually, the man's secretary would go through Daisy Travel Service.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Daisy Travel Service?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And where is Daisy Travel Service, in Las Vegas?

Mr. WEARLEY. Paradise Road, Las Vegas.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That's an independent travel agency?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. You mentioned before, you flew the helicopter. Did you ever fly Mr. Rebozo in the helicopter?

Mr. WEARLEY. I don't recall saying I flew the helicopter.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I'm sorry. Do you have any knowledge that Mr. Rebozo ever flew in the helicopter?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I have no further questions. Dick?

Mr. SCHULTZ. None.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Lee?

Mr. SHEEHY. Do you ever recall at one point Mr. Danner and Mr. Maheu wanted to use the De Haviland or any of the airplanes and none being available and them being particularly upset about that?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. SHEEHY. Did you often ever turn them down?

Mr. WEARLEY. There was no way I could turn them down.

Mr. SHEEHY. OK. But did it ever happen that the planes were not available when they wanted to use them? You cannot recall an instance of that?

Mr. WEARLEY. No. None.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever fly Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird on your plane?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Do you know what the Broom Co. is, B-r-o-o-m?

Mr. WEARLEY. Broom County Airport, Binghamton, N.Y.

Mr. SCHULTZ. While you're looking there, Marc, would you give us abbreviations for the following airports so we could recognize them in the reports—abbreviation for Los Angeles.

Mr. WEARLEY. LAS.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Miami.

Mr. WEARLEY. MIA.

Mr. SCHULTZ. LaGuardia.

Mr. WEARLEY. LGA.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Kansas City.

Mr. WEARLEY. MKC.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Las Vegas.

Mr. WEARLEY. LVS.

Mr. SCHULTZ. San Francisco.

Mr. WEARLEY. SFO.

Mr. SCHULTZ. San Diego.

Mr. WEARLEY. I'm not sure of San Diego.

Mr. SCHULTZ. OK. Washington National.

Mr. WEARLEY. DCA.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I think that covers it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Showing you exhibit 1, Mr. Wearley, showing you the date September 11, 1969, the trip Las Vegas, Dallas, Miami, and on September 12, 1969, Miami, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, showing as passengers two and five, do you recall on that trip if Mr. Danner and Mr. Maheu flew with you?

Mr. WEARLEY. No, I don't recall.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right.

Mr. WEARLEY. Let me say the only reason I, on that 5th of February flight, that I recall so much about that one was the fact that it was the first time we went to Nassau, and there were only two passengers, Rebozo and Danner, and that is the only way I recall anything about that particular flight. It isn't because of anything else that happened during that time, and that is why all these other flights to Miami, I couldn't tell you who was on board unless there was some unusual circumstances surrounding them.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I was just wondering if you had any recollection by any chance about Mr. Maheu or Mr. Danner going on that trip?

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Emily, do you have anything?

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Just one last thing. Was it normal for you to fly in one day from somewhere like Nassau to Los Angeles and then back to Nassau again, or would the plane be doing that but you would change crews?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Did that happen?

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Just twice that I noticed.

Mr. FREEDMAN. From Nassau to Los Angeles and back?

Ms. SHEKETOFF. On April 29, 1971, it flew from Nassau to San Antonio to Los Angeles to Salt Lake City to San Antonio to Nassau.

Mr. WEARLEY. It wasn't normal, and I recall very specifically one night arriving home at 3 a.m. in the morning, walking in the door, and the phone rang, and I turned around and walked

back out again and went back to Nassau. And there are other times that we landed—at one time in particular we landed at Van Nuys and checked in the hotel, and within a matter of hours was called out to return again.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Were you carrying passengers?

Mr. WEARLEY. Yes and no.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Same passengers?

Mr. WEARLEY. Not necessarily.

Ms. SHEKETOFF. Was there ever a time, was there ever a trip you remember where you started off with a passenger or passengers, flew to Nassau, and then just about turned around and came back?

Mr. WEARLEY. With the same passengers?

Ms. SHEKETOFF. With the same passengers.

Mr. WEARLEY. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Finally, this exhibit has not been marked. It is an 8½ by 11 manila file labeled, "DH-125 Flight Time Reports—1971." And clipped on the inside are 28 8½ by 11 pages, both white, blank pages, and yellow pages, which have writing and printing on them.

I would like that marked as exhibit No. 13 for today's executive session.

[Whereupon, the document referred to was marked Wearley exhibit No. 13, for identification, and is retained in committee files.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. And, then, finally, I would like to thank, on behalf of the committee and the committee staff, Mr. Wearley for being as patient and as cooperative as he has been, and thank him very, very much for his cooperation, and to thank Mr. Freedman likewise.

Mr. FREEDMAN. It's a great pleasure.

[Whereupon, at 3:50 p.m., the hearing in the above-entitled matter was adjourned.]

WEARLEY EXHIBIT No. 1

TC-6017-1



INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: R. L. MORGAN

DATE:

SUBJECT: DH-125 FLIGHT TIME REPORT FOR
FEBRUARY, 1970

FROM:

REFERENCE:

ADDRESS OR
DEPARTMENT:

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| | HOUSTON - LAS VEGAS | 3:45 |
| 2 FEB. 70 | LAS VEGAS - LOS ANGELES | :45 |
| | LOS ANGELES - LAS VEGAS | :45 |
| 3 FEB. 70 | LAS VEGAS - DALLAS | 2:30 |
| | DALLAS - MELBORNE | 2:25 |
| | MELBORNE - MIAMI | :47 |
| 4 FEB. 70 | MIAMI - NASSAU | :35 |
| 5 FEB. 70 | NASSAU - MIAMI | :45 |
| | MIAMI - WASHINGTON, D.C. | 2:25 |
| | WASHINGTON, D.C., - OKLA. CITY | 3:17 |
| | OKLA. CITY - LAS VEGAS | 2:24 |
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| | SANTA MONICA - LAS VEGAS | :43 |
| 10 FEB. 70 | LAS VEGAS - SANTA MONICA | :54 |
| | SANTA MONICA - LAS VEGAS | :47 |
| 17 FEB. 70 | LAS VEGAS - SANTA MONICA | :49 |
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| 23 FEB. 70 | LAS VEGAS - MAZATLAN | 2:28 |
| | MAZATLAN - TUCSON | 1:50 |
| | TUCSON - LAS VEGAS | 1:03 |
| 24 FEB. 70 | LAS VEGAS - SANTA MONICA | :47 |
| | SANTA MONICA - LAS VEGAS | :45 |
| 25 FEB. 70 | LAS VEGAS - SANTA MONICA | :44 |
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| 26 FEB. 70 | LAS VEGAS - MAZATLAN | 2:30 |
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1973

**U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES,
Washington, D.C.**

The Select Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 9:20 a.m., in room G-334, Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Present: Senator Baker [presiding].

Also present: Terry Lenzner, assistant chief counsel; Marc Lackritz, assistant majority counsel; Richard Schultz, assistant minority counsel; Scott Armstrong, investigator; and Ms. Emily Sheketoff, researcher.

Senator BAKER. Are we ready?

Mr. LENZNER. This is a continuation of a prior executive session. The witness has previously been sworn under oath. That is correct, is it not, Mr. Danner?

**TESTIMONY OF RICHARD G. DANNER, ACCOMPANIED BY
SOLOMON FREEDMAN, COUNSEL**

Mr. DANNER. Correct.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, I want to begin today with the discussions you had, apparently, as I recall it, in 1968, concerning a potential campaign contribution. Do you have a recollection of having such discussions for contributions to President Nixon's campaign?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you tell us first who you had those discussions with?

Mr. DANNER. The initial discussion was with Mr. Rebozo, who asked me if I could ascertain through whatever sources were available, whether or not the campaign—a campaign contribution could be obtained from Howard Hughes. An attorney here in Washington named Ed Morgan, who is a friend of mine, had been representing the Hughes organization in some capacity. He knew Robert Maheu quite well, apparently, and he talked to Maheu as a result of which Rebozo and I were informed by Morgan that a contribution would be forthcoming. As best I can recall, this took place in the late summer of 1968 here in Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. When you say "this", you are referring to the conversation when you were advised that a contribution would be made?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall approximately when you had your first conversation with Mr. Rebozo—when he requested you to determine whether the Hughes organization would make a contribution?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Not the Hughes organization; Mr. Hughes.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, did Mr. Rebozo say Mr. Hughes or the Hughes organization?

Mr. DANNER. Well, I am certain it was Mr. Hughes and not the company. And these conversations, I would say, were initiated, on, within a couple of weeks prior to the meeting with Rebozo and Morgan.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, at the time that the first conversation took place, you were an attorney here in Washington, D.C., is that not correct?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. You were not employed by the Hughes Tool Co. or any of its subsidiaries?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You had known Mr. Rebozo for quite some time?

Mr. DANNER. I had.

Mr. LENZNER. Approximately how many years?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, at that time, 28 years. I think I first met him in 1940.

Mr. LENZNER. Is that when you were with the FBI in Florida?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Had you had any prior business dealings with Mr. Rebozo prior to 1968?

Mr. DANNER. No. By business dealings, do you mean had I ever had any investments or interests in business or real estate or anything of that type?

Mr. LENZNER. With him in—any percentage interest in any organization that he was also participating in?

Mr. DANNER. None.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have an account at his bank?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever have any loans from his bank?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Had you prior discussions with Mr. Rebozo about the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes prior to the time that he talked to you about a contribution?

Mr. DANNER. By "prior", you mean prior to this incident?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. None that I recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Had you advised him that you were associated with or knew people in the Hughes organization?

Mr. DANNER. Rebozo knew that I was very friendly with Ed Morgan and he knew that Morgan had been doing work for the tool company. How he knew, I don't know, but he suggested the possibility that I discuss the matter with Ed Morgan.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember where that first conversation took place, where he first brought up the issue of a campaign contribution?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall. It would possibly be here or in Florida—here in Washington or in Florida. I might add that I was then working in the Nixon campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have fairly frequent communications with Mr. Rebozo during that period of time when you were working in the campaign?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Concerning what contributions?

Mr. DANNER. Campaign organizations, activities, things relating to the conduct of the campaign. I was first stationed here in Washington working in the Willard Hotel, where they had a headquarters, and then I would see or talk to Rebozo frequently, either here or on the telephone.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any question in your mind as to what campaign Mr. Rebozo was talking about at that time?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Which campaign was he talking about?

Mr. DANNER. The Nixon-Agnew campaign.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Which year, I think, is the question.

Mr. DANNER. 1968.

Mr. LENZNER. After he talked to you, what did you do?

Mr. DANNER. After who?

Mr. LENZNER. After Mr. Rebozo first asked you about the contribution, who did you contact?

Mr. DANNER. Morgan, Ed Morgan.

Mr. LENZNER. What did you request of him?

Mr. DANNER. I asked him if he could ascertain whether or not a contribution could be secured from Howard Hughes.

Mr. LENZNER. And do you remember his response?

Mr. DANNER. He said he would find out, he would talk to Maheu and give us an answer as soon as possible.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that a telephonic communication or was that in person?

Mr. DANNER. My recollection is it was in person.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you indicate to Mr. Morgan at that time that Mr. Rebozo had made this request?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Morgan know Mr. Rebozo? To your knowledge?

Mr. DANNER. I think they had met. I am not certain. I am not certain at that time that he had met him. I do know that when we had the conference, the later conference, of course, they were together.

Mr. LENZNER. This is the conference in Washington, D.C., at the Willard Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. No, this was, as I recall, it was when we had lunch or breakfast together. At that time, Morgan relayed the information from Maheu that a contribution would be forthcoming.

Mr. LENZNER. And prior to that meeting with you and Rebozo with Morgan, did you have other discussions with Morgan at that time about the contribution?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any.

Mr. LENZNER. You had dealt with Mr. Morgan yourself, had you not, with regard to some hotel acquisitions in Las Vegas?

Mr. FREEDMAN. In what year?

Mr. LENZNER. Prior to 1968.

Mr. DANNER. In 1967, I believe it was, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you just briefly explain or describe what those relationships were?

Mr. DANNER. A client of mine was interested in acquiring the Tropicana Hotel and he had asked me to go out to Las Vegas and begin

negotiations with the then principals. Morgan was involved in the transaction, in just what capacity I never knew, except he assisted in the negotiations from both sides. After a number of meetings with the principals of the Tropicana, the deal fell through and was dropped.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you mind telling us who your client was at that time, Mr. Danner?

Mr. DANNER. His name is A. D. Davis, D-a-v-i-s. He was one of four brothers who were very active in a grocery chain in Florida, in the Southeast.

Mr. LENZNER. Is he related in anyway to I. G. "Jack" Davis of Resorts International?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. And what relationship did you know that Morgan had with the Hughes Tool Co.? And why would he be an appropriate person to approach the company?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You are now talking about the contribution?

Mr. LENZNER. For the purposes of obtaining a contribution for the campaign, that is right.

Mr. DANNER. Well, in our many discussions, we met frequently for lunch. We had known each other for a long number of years. I had heard him make references to his representation of the tool company. I didn't know anyone in the company, I didn't know Maheu at that time. So he seemed to be the logical one to make the inquiry.

Mr. LENZNER. When did you first meet Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. In 1967, I met him while I was in Las Vegas in connection with the Tropicana negotiation, but that was just—we were having dinner in a restaurant and someone brought him over and introduced us. There was no discussion, just a meeting.

Mr. LENZNER. Had you had prior discussions with Mr. Morgan concerning how Mr. Hughes—what kind of contributions Mr. Hughes made or to what parties or what kind of candidates?

Mr. DANNER. No, I didn't know anything about it. I didn't know anything about the company or his activities or what to expect.

Senator BAKER. Let's suspend just for a minute. I am going to have to leave shortly. Do you still insist some member of the committee be present?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I am afraid so, Senator.

Mr. LENZNER. When Mr. Rebozo suggested to you that Hughes make a contribution, that was the first time that thought had entered your mind, as to Hughes making a contribution to President Nixon's campaign?

Mr. DANNER. The first I heard of it, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And the first time it had been discussed with you?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. OK. Now, after you had talked to Mr. Morgan the first time, you say you did not have any discussions between your first discussion with him and the time that you met with him and Mr. Rebozo here in Washington concerning the campaign contribution?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any specific conversations we had.

Mr. LENZNER. Was he getting back to you and telling you that he had made a request to Mr. Maheu or giving you any idea of what kind of progress was being made?

Mr. DANNER. He was going to make the inquiry and report back to me or Rebozo and I, and that subsequently is the way it was handled. He called me, and Rebozo and I had lunch or breakfast with him, at which time he reported that there would be a contribution forthcoming. I don't recall whether it was at that meeting or a subsequent call as to how, when, and what arrangements would be made to handle it.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember if he—do you remember, first of all, where that meeting took place?

Mr. DANNER. Between the three of us?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. As near as I can recall, we were having lunch in—I think it was Duke Zeibert's restaurant.

Mr. LENZNER. Duke Zeibert's what? I didn't get that?

Mr. DANNER. Restaurant.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ask Mr. Rebozo to come to Washington to meet at that time?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall whether he came up here specifically for that purpose or whether he happened to be in town.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Morgan indicate who he had talked to, at the Hughes Tool Co., to ascertain the answer to this?

Mr. DANNER. He said he had talked to Robert Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. And did he indicate how much, approximately, would be furnished?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, the figure of \$50,000 was discussed.

Mr. LENZNER. And was that what the commitment was going to be?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there anything else discussed?

Mr. DANNER. I am trying to recall whether it was at that meeting that Morgan advised us that we had made, or that Rebozo would be contacted shortly for instructions or for discussion as to how and where the contribution was to be made.

Mr. LENZNER. What was Mr. Rebozo's—did Mr. Rebozo indicate that he was to receive the funds on behalf of the campaign?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall that he said that he would have to. He was willing or agreeable to handle it.

Mr. LENZNER. What position did he have at that time in the campaign, to your knowledge?

Mr. DANNER. No official business. He was, as you know, a very close friend of the candidate. They traveled together frequently.

Senator BAKER. Terry, I am sorry. It is 9:40. I have a conference on the energy bill at 9:45. I suppose under the circumstances, and since counsel for the witness requests the presence of a member of the committee, that we ought to suspend at this time until we can supply another member.

Mr. LENZNER. Thank you, Senator.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Thank you very much, Senator.

[Recess.]

Mr. LENZNER. The Senator being unavailable to continue the executive session, as requested by counsel, we will adjourn until 1 o'clock, approximately, this executive session.

[Whereupon, at 11:45 a.m., the committee recessed to reconvene at 1 p.m., the same day.]

AFTERNOON SESSION

Senator WEICKER. All right, gentlemen.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, do you have any memos, documents, or correspondence in your possession that reflect any of your meetings in 1968, concerning the political contribution under discussion?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir, I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. In your discussions with Mr. Rebozo and Mr. Morgan in 1968, was there any discussion at that time concerning problems that the Hughes Tool Co. was having with either the Air West situation, the hotel acquisitions, or the AEC testing?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Can we take them one at a time?

Mr. LENZNER. Certainly. If the answer is no—

Mr. DANNER. The answer is no.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever call or say to Mr. Rebozo that the Hughes Tool Co. and Mr. Hughes wanted to make a contribution in 1968?

Mr. DANNER. No. Going back to my previous testimony, I was asked to ascertain whether Mr. Hughes would make a contribution.

Mr. LENZNER. And you were asked by Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. It was not the other way around? You didn't tell him that they wanted to make a contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo specify Mr. Hughes as the person that he wanted to, that he was asking for the funds? You said Mr. Hughes. Was he specific in saying Mr. Hughes, or did he speak of some other corporate entity?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall. Usually, when you speak of Hughes, you call it Hughes Tool Co. I don't recall that there was any distinction made.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever tell Mr. Rebozo during that period of time that Mr. Morgan had \$50,000 that he personally wanted to give to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Just answer that question.

Mr. DANNER. Did I tell him that Mr. Morgan had it?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall ever telling him that, no.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you ever present—I am specifically speaking now of 1968—when discussion was had concerning paying the money directly to the President—

Mr. DANNER. No sir.

Mr. LENZNER [continuing]. To Mr. Nixon at that time?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that idea ever discussed concerning the 1968 contribution?

Mr. DANNER. Not that I recall. Certainly not in my presence.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, did either Mr. Morgan or Mr. Rebozo or somebody else indicate that there was a request or that they were seeking to pay the money to the President directly?

Mr. DANNER. No. My recollection was a campaign contribution that was to be made through ordinary sources, not to the President,

not to the candidate, but whoever was handling his campaign funds.

Mr. LENZNER. So, as far as you are aware, you are saying that you never heard of any discussion or consideration of giving the money directly to the President?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. When I say the President, I mean Mr. Nixon, at that time a candidate for President?

Mr. DANNER. Right.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion concerning any other contributions to the Presidential campaign of 1968, other than the money and discussions that you have already testified to?

Mr. DANNER. Well, there were constant discussions of raising money, but I was not involved in any other than this.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes contributed any other money to the 1968 Presidential campaign?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Can we break it down between the tool company and Mr. Hughes?

Mr. LENZNER. All right. Let's start with Mr. Hughes first. Do you know if Mr. Hughes contributed any other money to anybody's campaign in the 1968 Presidential campaign?

Mr. DANNER. I was told sometime later—this would be in 1969—that there had been a number of contributions, smaller contributions, made through the various committees.

Mr. LENZNER. To which candidate?

Mr. DANNER. To Mr. Nixon.

Mr. LENZNER. Who told you that, Mr. Danner?

Mr. DANNER. Peter Maheu. He is the son of Robert Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. Were these by checks or by cash?

Mr. DANNER. Checks.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know how much in total he was given?

Mr. DANNER. No. I never heard a figure on it. He showed me Xerox pages of checks that had been made out to the various committees in Nevada and California, as I recall. I didn't examine them or pay too much attention to them.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you given copies of those checks?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you ever asked to deliver copies of those checks to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No, not that I recall. I think the only purpose, as I recall, in showing them to me was to demonstrate to Mr. Rebozo that there had been contributions made. But this didn't come about until long after the election.

Mr. LENZNER. We are going to get to that, but my question at this point only is, do you have any recollection of taking copies of those checks to Mr. Rebozo in an effort to show him that the Hughes company or Mr. Hughes had made contributions in the 1968 campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. While we are on the subject, after you saw those—I take it Mr. Maheu was showing you copies of those checks for the purpose of allowing you to then go and tell Mr. Rebozo that you had seen the checks and that contributions had been made?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, let me go back to where we were. One other question in this area: Do you know whether in the —

Senator WEICKER. If I can interrupt there for a second, if I am not mistaken, you had a two-part question you posed to the witness.

You asked him about Mr. Hughes and, if I am not mistaken, you also had the Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. LENZNER. That is a good point. I am glad you reminded me. Was there any—well, the same question for the Hughes Tool Co. there I asked you about Mr. Hughes?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall the styling of the checks at all, because I didn't examine them that closely. I was just showed these sheets of paper and that is about the size of it. Various committees—I didn't pay any attention to that.

Mr. LENZNER. So you don't know whether the money was from the Hughes Tool Co. or from Mr. Hughes' own account?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. And I take it you later advised Mr. Rebozo that you had seen copies of checks and that Hughes Tool Co. had contributed whatever the total sum was to the President's campaign, to Mr. Nixon's campaign in 1968?

Mr. DANNER. That is correct.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Nixon during 1968?

Mr. DANNER. During the campaign?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Relating to what?

Mr. DANNER. The organization, the conduct of the campaign, the progress being made—not frequent discussions, but occasionally, he would call or I would see him and he would talk to me about the campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see him in Florida and in Washington?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. New York also?

Mr. DANNER. I saw him in New York, it seems to me, on one or two occasions, but this was early, this was before the convention.

Mr. LENZNER. By the way, who recruited you for the 1968 campaign?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Nixon.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Nixon himself.

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rhyne ever talk to you about the campaign and your coming on board?

Mr. DANNER. After I agreed with Mr. Nixon that I would help, I was introduced to Mr. Rhyne, who was more or less in charge of the activities at the Willard Hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have some communications with Mr. Rhyne after that period?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I would see him from time to time, discuss the campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss the contributions of the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes with Mr. Rhyne?

Mr. DANNER. Not that I recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever have discussions with Mr. Nixon in 1968 about campaign contributions and raising funds?

Mr. DANNER. My recollection is that he and Rebozo had talked to me about the possibility of Hughes making a contribution, which led to, as I have related to you, the contact with Ed Morgan.

Mr. LENZNER. So this would have been—you say that Mr. Nixon was present when Mr. Rebozo first brought up the subject of the contribution?

Mr. DANNER. That is my best recollection, that he was familiar with it or present.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know where you were physically at that time?

Mr. DANNER. No, I would have no idea.

Mr. LENZNER. It was in Washington, D.C.?

Mr. DANNER. Whether it was in Washington or Florida, I could not recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any records that would reflect the date or the location of that discussion?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you submit expense accounts to the campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You absorbed all your expenses yourself for the campaign?

Mr. DANNER. As I recall, I may have—no, I don't recall ever submitting any expense accounts. I think I bore all of that myself.

Mr. LENZNER. Going back to this meeting with Mr. Nixon and Mr. Rebozo, who first raised the subject of a contribution from Hughes or Hughes Tool Co. at that meeting, to your recollection?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall. The discussion generally was did I know or did I have any contacts that I could use to raise money.

Mr. LENZNER. Generally?

Mr. DANNER. Generally. And the people that I knew, of course, they knew equally well or better. The question arose as to what would be the best way of contacting Mr. Hughes as to whether or not he would contribute.

Mr. LENZNER. And who raised that?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. It was not you, though?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't think so.

Mr. LENZNER. You have already testified before, Mr. Danner, I wanted to make it clear, that it was not you who initiated the discussions about the possibility of getting a contribution from the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes.

Mr. DANNER. No, I had no contact with the Hughes Tool Co., none whatsoever, in that respect. I didn't know any of the principals involved. And when the question arose as to whether I could do anything in that light, I agreed to talk to Ed Morgan. I knew that he was working for the company, at least for Maheu, and that seemed to be a likely source to find out what the answer might be.

Mr. LENZNER. When the question was raised, did you indicate to Mr. Nixon and Mr. Rebozo that you would be in contact with Mr. Morgan on this subject?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion with Mr. Nixon and Mr. Rebozo about a size of contribution that would be sought from the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes?

Mr. DANNER. No, I think the question was would he contribute, and if so, how much.

Mr. LENZNER. Are you saying now that it was either Mr. Nixon or Mr. Rebozo that first asked you to find that out?

Mr. DANNER. I am sure that is the way it came about.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you say which one it was?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion by Mr. Nixon or Mr. Rebozo concerning their knowledge of prior contributions or the policy on campaign contributions by Mr. Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall any such discussions.

Mr. LENZNER. No discussions about whether they had or hadn't contributed substantially to either Democratic or Republican campaigns in the past?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall anything at this point.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else present besides the three of you?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you become aware during that period of time before the election in 1968, that the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes had made a contribution through Governor Laxalt to the Nixon campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. If that is a fact.

Mr. DANNER. I did not—

Mr. LENZNER. Whether it is a fact or not, did anybody ever advise you as to such?

Mr. DANNER. No, I never heard anything of that.

Mr. LENZNER. And there was never any discussion by Mr. Nixon or Mr. Rebozo at that time concerning the gift?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall his name even having been mentioned.

Mr. LENZNER. In that meeting with Mr. Rebozo and Mr. Nixon, were there any other possible contributors that you were asked to contact?

Mr. DANNER. I think there was one, Clint Murchison, Jr., and I agreed to talk to him, which I did.

Mr. LENZNER. With affirmative or negative results, Mr. Danner?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Is that relevant?

Mr. LENZNER. Well, let's find out what the answer is and I will tell you whether it is relevant or not. I mean, I don't know; it could be.

Mr. DANNER. Well, I had known him. I had talked to him, and he said, all that has been taken care of. He and others were going to form a committee for the specific purpose of raising the money. That was the only contact I had with him on that, in that vein.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any other discussions with Mr. Nixon about that contribution?

Mr. DANNER. Which one?

Mr. LENZNER. The 1968 contribution from Mr. Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall anything further after it failed to materialize.

Mr. LENZNER. You didn't have any discussions about any other effort that might be made to convince Mr. Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co. that contributions should be made?

Mr. DANNER. No, my main role in the campaign was one of organization. I am not a moneyraiser. I do not have that type of contact. My job was to assist in the organization generally and then, near the end of the campaign, specifically along certain lines. And I was not concerned with raising money.

Mr. LENZNER. So your answer is what? You did or didn't have any further discussions then with Mr. Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. None that I recall, no sir.

Mr. LENZNER. When you did have discussions with Mr. Nixon and Mr. Rebozo, was it a discussion of what the mechanics of the contribution were to be?

Mr. DANNER. No, as I recall at the time Mr. Nixon was involved, it was a question of whether or not a campaign contribution could be obtained from Mr. Hughes. I don't believe that he was involved in any further discussions; I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate that he wanted Mr. Rebozo to receive those funds for his campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No, there was not specified—it was handled whatever way they wanted.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you indicate to Mr. Edward Morgan, when you talked to him, that the fund would be, in fact, paid to Mr. Rebozo if they were forthcoming from either Mr. Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. My best recollection is however the other people wanted it, whether from Rebozo or Maurice Stans or whoever they wanted to designate.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, during that period of time after Mr. Morgan told you that—you had that meeting in D.C. with Mr. Morgan and Mr. Rebozo—

Mr. DANNER. Right.

Mr. LENZNER [continuing]. Where Mr. Morgan indicated that a contribution would be made, did you have a conversation with Mr. Morgan indicating that Mr. Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co. wanted assurances that President or Mr. Nixon would acknowledge, personally acknowledge the receipt of the money?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any conversation along that line. I am certain that, as in the case of any contributor, they want the candidate or his managers to know that a contribution has been made. But I don't recall any specific discussion along such lines.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember a specific discussion with Mr. Morgan where he told you that he had talked with Mr. Maheu, and Mr. Maheu told him that they would make a contribution, but that Mr. Hughes wanted assurance that Mr. Nixon would personally acknowledge the contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall such a conversation.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, do you know whether a receipt was prepared to be signed by Mr. Nixon when he received the funds?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir. Now, after your meeting in the District of Columbia, what next happened with regard to the 1968 contribution?

Mr. DANNER. Sometime after that meeting, and I don't recall the details, I was told that a contribution would be made and that word would be gotten to Rebozo as to how and when.

Mr. LENZNER. Who told you that?

Mr. DANNER. Morgan. Sometime following the meeting, or that conversation where he said the money would be forthcoming, I seem to recall that the word was that Rebozo would be contacted.

And this did happen. I was in New York, Rebozo was in New York. We met up there. I had not gone up specifically for this purpose, but I had gone up and Rebozo was going to introduce me to Maurice Stans and I think John Mitchell. I don't think I had met him as yet. I had a matter I wanted to discuss with Mitchell. The last I can recall, we were in the Stans office. Rebozo got a call from someone I don't know who, to meet with them—these were supposedly Hughes representatives. He left to keep the appointment, returned sometime later very angry and upset because, apparently, the meeting was to be with Donald Nixon—I don't recall that it was Johnny Meier, whom neither of us knew, but I believe a person named Benny Myer, who had been involved with Mr. Hughes during the Brewster hearings. Rebozo said that he would not handle anything or have anything to do with any moneys coming through such sources as that. And that was the end of it.

Mr. LENZNER. Let's see if I can go back just for a second. Were you aware, when you went to New York, that an effort was going to be made to make the contribution in New York at that time?

Mr. DANNER. I can't recall whether the appointment had been set up at that time or whether it happened coincidentally with me being in New York. I thought at first—my first recollection is that Morgan and I had gone up there, but my best recollection now is that he was not there on that occasion.

Mr. LENZNER. You have talked with Mr. Morgan on that, have you not, about whether or not he was present?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And his recollection is that he was not present, is that right?

Mr. DANNER. His recollection is that he was not present, and after thinking it through a little later and relating it to other contacts, my recollection is that he was not present.

Mr. LENZNER. You said somebody was to contact Mr. Rebozo. How did you learn that?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Morgan.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he say who was going to contact Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall, but he said—

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall whether somebody had been in touch with Mr. Rebozo prior to your meeting with Mr. Rebozo, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Stans in New York?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Stans present with Mr. Mitchell at that meeting?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall whether we met together or had met them separately. I just don't recall. My conversation with Mr. Stans was

very brief. My best recollection is that my discussion mainly centered with John Mitchell.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the nature of that?

Mr. DANNER. I had been working at the headquarters at the Willard Hotel. There was a movement that had been started to organize a Democrats for Nixon committee. I had definite ideas about this, insofar as Florida was concerned. I wanted to go down to Florida and get started on this program. I had been asked to approach certain Democratic officeholders to come out and endorse Mr. Nixon, people that I had access to. I had had an opportunity to assess the situation in Florida and I felt that I could do some good down there. The polls were showing—the polls that they were taking were showing that Wallace was going to win the State by a substantial margin, and that is when the discussion was initiated.

Mr. LENZNER. So your discussion was concerning the political campaign?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did it relate in anyway to any issues relating to the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. No, no.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with—did you want to say something?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You must remember that the witness already testified he didn't know anything about the Hughes people; he didn't start to work for them until sometime in 1969.

Mr. LENZNER. I understand that.

Mr. DANNER. I wish we could get this clear: When you say the Hughes Tool Co., if that expression is used, I think we are all cognizant of the fact that corporations do not make political contributions.

Senator WEICKER. The fact is, corporations are not supposed to make contributions.

Mr. LENZNER. I think what Senator Weicker is pointing out is the record is replete this year with corporations making political contributions.

Senator WEICKER. I understand, but I didn't want to let it go by. It was too fresh in my memory.

Mr. DANNER. I know what you mean, but later on, I can tell you how that was forcefully brought to my attention.

Mr. LENZNER. I was speaking not only of campaign contributions, but other issues related to Hughes Tool Co. and its operations in Nevada and elsewhere—Air West, acquisition of hotels, AEC testing—nothing of that nature was discussed?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir. I knew nothing of such matters at that time. That was as foreign to me as the moon.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Mitchell could have raised it with you but he didn't, I take it?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with Mr. Stans the contribution to be made by Mr. Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall discussing any contributions with him. It was just meeting, visiting, and leaving.

Mr. LENZNER. And you say Mr. Rebozo was present during this meeting with you and Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. I believe he was, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And sometime during that meeting, the meeting was interrupted when Mr. Rebozo received a phone call?

Mr. DANNER. That is my best recollection. He was called out of the meeting.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you later who the phone call was from?

Mr. DANNER. If he did, I have forgotten.

Mr. LENZNER. But he did—I am sorry, go ahead.

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall whether he told me. He was so angry when he got back that he wanted to wash his hands of the whole thing,

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo, when he came back, relate to you though, where he had gone and what had happened?

Mr. DANNER. No, he just said that he had learned—where, I don't recall if he did tell me—that he was to meet with Donald Nixon and John Meier and that he was not about to even see them; he didn't want to talk to them, he didn't want to be associated with them, he didn't want to have anything to do with them in this area whatsoever.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate whether there was any other representative of his tool company in New York with regard to the contribution which was to be made?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate that Donald Nixon and Mr. Johnny Meier were to play some kind of role in receiving this contribution—not receiving it—either in receiving it or paying it?

Mr. DANNER. Well, apparently, he concluded that they were the ones that were going to handle it and that is why he didn't want any discussion whatsoever with them.

Mr. LENZNER. When you say "handle it," do you mean handling it on behalf of the campaign or on behalf of Hughes Tool?

Mr. DANNER. Handling the contributions on behalf of Mr. Hughes.

Mr. LENZNER. What relationship did Mr. Donald Nixon have with Mr. Hughes at that time?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Outside of the fact that he was his brother.

Mr. LENZNER. I said what relationship did Mr. Donald Nixon have with Mr. Hughes at that time?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Oh, Mr. Hughes.

Mr. LENZNER. I was not aware that there was any relationship between—

Senator WEICKER. I still don't understand, Mr. Danner, why it was that Mr. Rebozo was so mad. That one went sailing over my head at this time. Maybe you can fill it in.

Mr. DANNER. I think there were two reasons. Maybe he associated Mr. Johnny Meier with a man, I think his name was Benny Myer. Apparently, he had something of a reputation.

Donald Nixon, of course, as is well known, had involved the President in a loan with Mr. Hughes back in 1958 or 1959. They did not want him having anything to do with the raising of any funds of any type from any source. This apparently, is what disturbed Rebozo so much when he found out that despite the candidate's instructions, his brother was getting involved.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo relate that to you and Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. Well, I had heard discussions with Rebozo and others which didn't mean too much to me at the time, because I didn't know too much of the background, that they did not want Donald Nixon becoming involved in this campaign, particularly where it involved the soliciting of campaign funds. They just wanted him to stay out.

Mr. LENZNER. Did those discussions reflect the fact that Mr. F. Donald Nixon was, in fact, making efforts to solicit funds from a variety of people.

Mr. DANNER. I don't know what his activities were. This is the first time that it surfaced, in the episode in New York, and I know then, or knew then from Rebozo's remarks, that he was quite angry and he felt that Donald was not following his brother's instructions. And he felt that it could damage the President or the candidate if continued.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, are you saying that discussions relating to Donald Nixon were prior to the New York meeting? You said you overheard some discussions.

Mr. DANNER. Yes; I had heard this particular problem discussed prior to that time, I am certain.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember who you heard discussing it?

Mr. DANNER. No; I think it was around the Willard headquarters that I had heard that he was not to be contacted nor dealt with in this campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss that with Mr. Nixon himself, or did he, Mr. Richard Nixon, ever discuss this with you?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know that he ever discussed this with me. I know Rebozo did.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there a specific reason Mr. Rebozo gave why he, for President Nixon, didn't want Donald Nixon involved in the campaign?

Mr. DANNER. I think generally, as I recall, it was generally that they didn't trust his judgment. And particularly—this cannot come about at that time, but following the contact in New York, above all, any contact with Mr. Hughes.

Mr. LENZNER. On the question of judgment, did Mr. Rebozo indicate that they were concerned about his judgment because of any promises that he, allegedly, was making to people who were contributing?

Mr. DANNER. No; I don't think that entered into the discussion. Just generally, a lack of judgment of how to conduct a political campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, when Mr. Rebozo came back—how long was Mr. Rebozo gone, by the way, after he received the phone call?

Mr. DANNER. As I recall, it was a rather short period of time—30 minutes or something like that.

Mr. LENZNER. And did he come back into the room where you were still meeting with Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. Wherever I was, whether I was still meeting with Mitchell or whether I was not in the meeting, I don't recall. He did come back to see me.

Mr. LENZNER. Prior to the time that you left, did Mr. Mitchell know that you and Mr. Rebozo had discussions about Mr. Hughes or the Hughes Tool Co. making contributions of money for the 1968 campaign?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall specifically whether he knew or not.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion in the presence of Mr. Nixon and Mr. Mitchell about it?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any.

Mr. LENZNER. It is possible there was some?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know.

Mr. FREEDMAN. The witness already answered and what the possibility is, I think, has nothing to do with it.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if Mr. Rebozo met with either Mr. Meier or Mr. Donald Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. He told me he had not. He had not been in contact with them, he had not met them, or neither had he taken a call from them.

Mr. LENZNER. He had not talked on the telephone with either Mr. Meier or Mr. Donald Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. Had had no contact of any sort.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall, Mr. Danner, when you filled out your affidavit for the Internal Revenue Service of July 5, 1973?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Does it refresh your recollection that you put in there and signed this affidavit:

At one point, Mr. Rebozo talked to John Meier on the telephone. Mr. Rebozo became concerned that Mr. Meier and Donald Nixon were there and called the whole thing off. At that time, Mr. Rebozo and I both thought that Johnny Meier was the Johnny Meier who was involved with the Hughes-Senator Brewster confrontation in the late 1940's.

Mr. DANNER. I recall making that statement, but thinking about it more and concentrating more in detail, I now am—my best recollection now is that he did not talk to either one. I don't know who he talked to. But I am fairly certain that he had no contact with him.

Mr. FREEDMAN. In other words, that is what Mr. Rebozo told you?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, was it your understanding that you were to meet with Mr. Rebozo and a representative of the Hughes Tool Co. in New York?

Mr. DANNER. That was not spelled out. That was not explicit, and as I have testified previously, I am not certain whether I went up to participate in a meeting or whether I happened to be there coincidentally with his call.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Can we get to 1972?

Mr. LENZNER. We will get there, Mr. Freedman, in due time.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me, may I talk with him?

Senator WEICKER. You certainly may.

[Off the record discussion.]

Senator WEICKER. Back on the record.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, do you recall approximately what time of day you had that meeting with Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. It seems to me it was prior to noon—late morning.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see Mr. Mitchell again that night?

Mr. DANNER. No, my recollection is I returned to Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have dinner with anybody in New York?

Mr. DANNER. I don't believe so.

Mr. LENZNER. You didn't see Mr. Meier or Mr. Donald Nixon yourself in New York?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know of any other attempts or efforts made to furnish that \$50,000 contribution in 1968 to Nixon's campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever learn, or were you ever aware of an effort made to furnish a \$50,000 contribution in Palm Springs, Calif., later after that meeting in New York?

Mr. DANNER. Did I learn of it?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. A long time afterward, I heard about it.

Mr. LENZNER. From a source other than a news media source?

Mr. DANNER. No, no, I am wrong there. No, I know of no other efforts made to deliver that money in 1968.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, did you learn of an attempt in early 1969 to deliver approximately \$50,000 in Palm Springs, Calif.?

Mr. DANNER. Robert Maheu told me that he was going down to a meeting in Palm Springs. I don't know whether it was a Governors' conference or what. This was after the election, as I recall. And that he had a donation for Mr. Nixon, according to Mr. Maheu, and he told me later that he was unable to see him and did not make any contribution.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you that he was to meet with Mr. Nixon and make the contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No, as I recall, he said he was going down there. It was not 50; it is my recollection it was \$25,000, and he was going to give it to Mr. Nixon at this meeting and he was unable to see Mr. Nixon.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate what efforts he had made to meet with Mr. Nixon or who he had called to contact Mr. Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall how the meeting was set up, why he went down there, whether he was invited or whether he just took it upon himself to go down there and see if he could meet with him.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir. Let's move now to 1969. You became an employee of the Hughes Tool Co. in February of 1969?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with Mr. Rebozo your employment with the Hughes Tool Co. prior to your accepting that job?

Mr. DANNER. What was that again?

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with Mr. Rebozo your possible employment with the Hughes Tool Co. prior to the time you accepted employment?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And on a number of occasions, or just on one occasion?

Mr. DANNER. One or two occasions—I think when I was contacted, and then perhaps sometime later, when they had made a bona fide or actual offer to me.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the sum and substance of those conversations?

Mr. DANNER. I was seeking his advice, what he thought of it, uprooting myself here in Washington and going out there. He advised against it.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion with him at that time about the contribution that had not been successful, to your knowledge?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall that entering into the conversation. I had talked to him more in the way of asking his advice as to what he thought about the proposition.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he obtain any information from you about the Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. He just gave you his best judgment?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. He thought you could do better here in Washington?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; he thought I was giving up too much to go out there and start anew.

Mr. LENZNER. After you became employed, did you have further discussions with Mr. Rebozo about contributions to be paid to him?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Approximately when did those begin?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, they—I would say they started in our conversations, I was in frequent contact with Rebozo, about April, May, sometime along in there—

Mr. FREEDMAN. What year?

Mr. DANNER. 1969. He was more or less needling me about the fact that it was well known that Mr. Hughes had made a substantial contribution to Hubert Humphrey and had not made any to Mr. Nixon. I think that is when I have related those conversations to Robert Maheu. I think it was on that occasion that we said he sent a list over to show me through various committees that they had contributed money. As I recall, this was not, not all of it was earmarked for the Presidential campaign. There were various other races. I think Governor Laxalt—all they asked of him was more or less advising them on how to handle it. I related that to Rebozo and he still felt that that was not comparable to what they had done for Mr. Humphrey.

Mr. FREEDMAN. When you said "he," you mean Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. You say Peter Maheu brought over copies of checks, both to Mr. Nixon's campaign or other campaigns? I didn't get that.

Mr. DANNER. Well, as best I can recall, there were a large number of committees with various names. The text referred to the committees and announced for anywhere from \$50 to \$100 to \$500, and so on. I didn't examine these closely, I didn't even add up the amount. But none, as I recall, were made directly to Mr. Nixon or the Nixon-Agnew campaign, the main campaign fund.

Mr. LENZNER. You are saying that somewhere—do you remember who they were made out to?

Mr. DANNER. They were committees.

Mr. LENZNER. State committees?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, all kind of committees. And how it was used, where it was used, I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember who signed those checks?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. So, what you are saying is that Mr. Rebozo during the spring period in 1969, talked to you on a number of occasions, expressing his concern that the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes had not given President Nixon's campaign comparable amounts that they had given Senator Humphrey's campaigns?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. And it was this that stimulated you to talk to Mr. Maheu—

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER [continuing.] About furnishing additional funds.

Mr. DANNER. During the course of the discussions, Mr. Maheu said, "Well, there is the \$50,000 that was available in 1968 and still is intact. They can have that if they want it." I discussed that with Rebozo and he said, "Oh, no, the campaign is definitely wound up without a deficit. And they didn't want it and didn't need it, or didn't need it," and nothing further developed along that line.

Senator WEICKER. Well, what was he needling you for?

Mr. DANNER. That Mr. Hughes, who was reputed to be more or less not partisan in his politics, had made a contribution to Senator Humphrey and had not made any to the Nixon campaign.

Senator WEICKER. But, is it your testimony that the nature of the contribution was then not related to fundraising, but just done in the nature of embarrassing—

Mr. DANNER. I used the expression "needling." It was just that he would throw that up to me, that he knew that there had been support for Senator Humphrey and not for Mr. Nixon.

Senator WEICKER. Which then brought about your contact with Maheu and your being shown various contributions made by individuals who were in the Hughes organization, too, to the Nixon campaign committee?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think it is not necessarily only the Nixon campaign, there are other campaigns that there was such a device.

Senator WEICKER. And also, when you received that information from Mr. Maheu, did you relay that to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Senator WEICKER. That you had seen evidence of giving?

Mr. DANNER. That is true.

Senator WEICKER. And did you also relate to him the fact that there was still \$50,000 available?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Senator WEICKER. And what was his response to that—as to getting information as to the contributions that had been made?

Mr. DANNER. That they had been used in State activities in southern California and Nevada and had not been available for the national campaign.

Senator WEICKER. Well, the only reason I am pursuing this line of questioning is, to put it in the vernacular, was the nature of this needling to give you a hard time or to go ahead and raise additional funds?

Mr. DANNER. No, I think the time was just, he was just letting me know that they knew all about this.

Senator, let me say this, and I am sure you are well aware of this. In a national campaign where there are a number of local elections,

there always seems to be a great deal of friction between the national campaign and the State elections, who gets the money and how much. That is why there was always a big argument.

MR. FREEDMAN. I think I heard the Senator make a pertinent observation about that on television.

Senator WEICKER. Yes.

MR. DANNER. That you are siphoning all the funds out of my State and there is nothing left for me, or you have raised a lot of money in this State, ostensibly for me, but it is not being spent in my campaign. That is the constant argument. And I think that is what, in effect, Bebe was saying, or Rebozo was saying, that I don't question that Mr. Hughes did contribute to these various committees, but insofar as the national campaign was concerned, how much of it was spent in his behalf, we don't know; we have no way of knowing.

Senator WEICKER. But then you did indicate to him the availability of the \$50,000.

MR. DANNER. I told him he could have that, it was still intact. And he declined.

Senator WEICKER. I have to leave at this time, as does counsel, Mr. Lenzner, for the meeting of the select committee in room 143 of the Capitol Building.

MR. FREEDMAN. Senator, do you have any idea what we are supposed to do about this executive session?

Senator WEICKER. Could you call up and find out if that is a vote also? I think it probably is.

Exactly what do you have now left in the nature of questions? Quite a few, I guess?

MR. LENZNER. We have just barely begun, sir.

Senator WEICKER. Counsel, what are your wishes in this matter?

MR. FREEDMAN. Last Thursday, we made it very clear that we wanted a quorum, as defined by the committee's rules, to be present during all times Mr. Danner testified and we have been waiting. We had about 30 minutes this morning and I guess about an hour now. We don't know after you leave when another Senator on the committee will appear. I am just wondering whether there is any point in our staying around anymore.

Senator WEICKER. I don't expect the meeting of the committee is going to be that long. I should think—probably the best thing to do would be to ascertain exactly what the nature of that meeting is. If it is going to be of any length, we will immediately get hold of you in order not to inconvenience you. Then I would guess the meeting would recess and another Senator will be present at the next session. It is not our desire to inconvenience you. As I have said, you want a Senator here, you shall have one here. In the meantime, I am sure your client can use a Coca-Cola. We will get in touch with you.

MR. SCHULTZ. There is a vote on the Byrd amendment to the Rhodesian chrome bill.

Senator WEICKER. We will recess at 2:30.

[Resume at 3:10 p.m.]

MR. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, just make it clear on the record, the copies of the checks that Peter Maheu showed you, were they to the local State committees for Nixon-Agnew, or were they for local candidates?

Mr. DANNER. It seems to me—my best recollection is that they were to various committees. I don't recall whether I saw any that were made out to candidates for local elections, but they were Republican committees for this. State committees for that, Nixon—friends of Nixon-Agnew, things of that sort as distinguished from the national campaign, the style of contributions that would be made at that level. I think they covered both southern California and the State of Nevada.

Mr. LENZNER. Let me go back to ask you one other question which I neglected to. Did you or Mr. Morgan ever tell Mr. Rebozo, when you were dealing with him on these contributions, that the contributions would not be made if you did not meet personally with the President, either you or Mr. Morgan, with regard to the contributions?

Mr. DANNER. Contributions would not be made unless—

Mr. LENZNER. Unless—

Mr. DANNER [continuing]. Morgan or I meet personally with the President?

Mr. LENZNER. Right.

Mr. DANNER. No, I had met with him. I had no problem there.

Mr. LENZNER. In other words, your answer is no.

Mr. DANNER. No; I don't recall Morgan ever stipulating that.

Mr. LENZNER. And you never did?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, did there come a time during the summer of 1969, when somebody from the administration came through Las Vegas soliciting funds and talked to you about soliciting funds?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall anyone other than Rebozo who came through to contact me for funds—no.

Mr. FREEDMAN. And the question is in Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. In Las Vegas.

Mr. DANNER. No; I have no recollection of such a meeting as that.

Mr. LENZNER. And for the specific purpose, I believe, of obtaining funds for polls.

Mr. DANNER. Now, these discussions, as I recall, originated between Rebozo and I. I don't know of anyone else who was involved in that.

Mr. LENZNER. I thought you told us before that you thought it was somebody from the Republican National Committee.

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't remember.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, it is your recollection now that Mr. Rebozo came through Las Vegas in 1969 and discussed with you raising funds?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know whether it was in Las Vegas or Miami or wherever we might have met, but the discussions began along about that time. It was an outgrowth of this \$50,000 which he did not want, the contribution to the President. He had already declined it. I don't recall just how it came up, but the question then turned to one of whether Mr. Hughes would contribute funds to begin taking polls on candidates for the 1970 congressional elections and funds for support of campaigns of those who were running that were—that showed that they had a good chance or an equal chance of reelection or election for the first time.

Mr. LENZNER. For which offices, sir?

Mr. DANNER. As I recall, mostly the Senate. There may have been some House Members in there; I am not certain.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember approximately when Mr. Rebozo started discussing this idea with you?

Mr. DANNER. My best recollection is that it probably was in around May, possibly early in June.

Mr. LENZNER. This was after he had refused your offer of the \$50,000?

Mr. DANNER. Right.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever, prior to the time that you started discussing the polls and the congressional campaign—did you ever proffer him physically an envelope containing money?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall ever having taken any money with me. I approached him—I am certain that it was in Miami—about, did he want this money? It was still available. And he declined. I have no recollection of having the money there at the time.

Mr. LENZNER. OK. And this trip that you made to Miami, did you see Mr. Rebozo at that time at his home or his bank or somewhere else?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Which trip?

Mr. LENZNER. The trip in Miami where you said if they wanted this \$50,000, they could have it.

Mr. DANNER. To the best of my recollection, that occurred in his house.

Mr. LENZNER. Do your travel records reflect when you made that trip?

Mr. DANNER. I have travel records, but I—indicating I was in Miami, but I don't know if this is the occasion of that particular discussion.

Mr. LENZNER. In any event, he was the one that approached you about this 1970 campaign fund?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I think he originated it. The question first arose as to whether we would help raise money for the off-year congressional elections. And, again, I said I would have to find out, and I did.

Mr. LENZNER. Who did you talk to?

Mr. DANNER. I talked to Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. What was his reaction?

Mr. DANNER. Favorable. I recall he said, "There is \$50,000 right now that they can use," and I said, "Well, they won't know if that is the total." He said he would have to find out and he subsequently told me that they would raise \$100,000.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who he talked to to find out that figure?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you who he talked to?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo indicate how much they were seeking at the time he brought up the congressional campaign fund?

Mr. DANNER. No, he gave me no amount.

Mr. LENZNER. Was the \$50,000 that Mr. Maheu referred to, was that the same \$50,000 that had been raised in 1968?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you know.

Mr. DANNER. I was so told by Robert Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you also told where it was being kept or retained?

Mr. DANNER. It was in a safe-deposit box in the cage of the Frontier Hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know what denominations it was in?

Mr. DANNER. If that was the same money, it was in packets of \$100 bills, packets of \$5,000 each.

Mr. FREEDMAN. If it was the same money as what?

Mr. DANNER. The same money he is referring to as having been available in 1968 for the Presidential campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. When was the first time you saw the money, Mr. Danner.

Mr. DANNER. The first I can recall is when I took it to make the first delivery to Mr. Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. So you did not see the money at all in 1968?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss the possibility of campaign contributions being made by Mr. Hughes or Hughes Tool Co. with anybody else besides Mr. Maheu and Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Again, I want to say that the discussion, so far as I recall, always had to do with Howard Hughes' personal funds. If the term "Hughes Tool Co." was used, they meant Howard Hughes. Now, what was your question again?

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss the possibility of a contribution for the congressional campaign with anybody besides Rebozo and Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall anyone outside him, no.

Mr. LENZNER. How many times did you discuss it with Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, I would have to guess. I don't have any independent recollection or record. I would say over an occasion of five or six times.

Senator WEICKER. Do you want to go off the record for a minute now? I have a vote and I will be back in 5 minutes. If you want to recess, fine, or keep on going, that is up to counsel.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think we had better recess, Senator, I am under instructions.

Mr. LENZNER. We are running pretty well now, Senator.

[Recess.]

Senator WEICKER. Back on the record.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, did you offer the \$50,000 to Mr. Rebozo on more than one occasion prior to the time that he began discussing the congressional campaign with you?

Mr. DANNER. No; I think we had one discussion of it and he declined.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever have any contact with any of Mr. Rebozo's associates in an effort—in discussions concerning campaign contributions?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with President Nixon the contribution that might be made to the 1970 congressional campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall ever discussing it with him.

Mr. LENZNER. Anybody else you might have discussed it with?

Mr. DANNER. No, other than Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, your travel records show a trip to Washington, D.C., Miami, Nassau, and back to Las Vegas on April 2 to 10, 1969. Do you know if you saw Mr. Rebozo on that trip?

Mr. DANNER. April 10—

Mr. LENZNER. April 2 through 10.

Mr. DANNER. I might have seen him in passing through Miami. I don't recall. The main purpose of that trip, as I recall, was to handle some negotiations with the Bahamian Government over a sublease of an island.

Mr. LENZNER. Is that an island that was going to be leased or was leased by the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, they had the lease, a sublease, and the Bahamian Government had cancelled the principal lessee.

Mr. LENZNER. Which was whom?

Mr. DANNER. It was some construction company. I don't remember their name, but they were in under a very involved contract whereby the tool company, as I recall, was putting up the money and they were going to improve the island, dredge a harbor, put a power station in and desalinization plant, quite a substantial improvement.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know what the purpose of your trip to Washington, D.C. was on your way down to Nassau? Did you see anybody in Washington?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall why I would come through Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. And then in April, on April 16 to 20, you took another trip to Nassau. Then it indicates that you returned to Washington, D.C. Any recollection of who you saw in Washington on that trip? April 16 to 20, 1969.

Mr. DANNER. Do you have my expense account there?

Mr. LACKRITZ. I am trying to find it right now.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, if I can show you, this is marked exhibit 13.* It shows an initial trip January 8, 1969, to Washington, D.C.—

Mr. DANNER. I was still living here at that time.

Mr. LENZNER. So you were commuting, were you, between Washington and—

Mr. FREEDMAN. What year is this?

Mr. LENZNER. 1969, I said.

Mr. DANNER. I didn't come out here until February, so I think these trips were in connection with the negotiations that were then going on with Maheu and others, as to coming to work out there.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me, what dates are these?

Mr. LENZNER. This is now January 1969.

Mr. DANNER. Does that one show Cay Sal?

Mr. LENZNER. No, the April vouchers do show Cay Sal.

Mr. FREEDMAN. April of what year?

Mr. LENZNER. 1969.

Mr. DANNER. I think that was while we were in the process of relocating out there and I still maintained my residence—my family was here in Washington and I came back to begin making arrangements to go on out to Las Vegas.

Mr. DANNER. That's C-a-y S-a-l—two words.

Mr. LENZNER. Your records also show that you went to Washington, D.C., for a Nixon dinner on May 6 through 8.

Mr. FREEDMAN. What year, please?

*See p. 9668.

Mr. LENZNER. Of 1969. And you show entertainment expenses of \$150 for C. G. Rebozo and Jack Davis, and others. Can you explain what those expenses were?

Mr. DANNER. As I recall, we went to dinner or some function at the White House and then went out on the town. I don't remember specifically what the expenses were.

Mr. LENZNER. But you paid for Mr. Davis and Mr. Rebozo's expenses on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. Apparently, I was picking up some of the checks.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who else?

Mr. DANNER. It seems to me there was a fourth member. I am not certain. I was at two dinners. I think one time there was Davis and a man named Crosby was also in the party.

Mr. LENZNER. Were these both from Resorts International?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion on that occasion with Mr. Rebozo concerning the contribution?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any then, no.

Senator WEICKER. Off the record.

[Off the record discussion.]

Mr. LENZNER. How long have you known Mr. Davis and Mr. Crosby?

Mr. DANNER. I first met them in Las Vegas—I don't recall the date. It would have been—well, I would hate to guess.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, don't.

Mr. DANNER. They visited Las Vegas. They wanted to see our casino operations, our controls, et cetera, and we entertained them out there. I don't know of any other business they had there at the time.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me, could I get at least the year you are talking about?

Mr. LENZNER. I am talking about 1969, but I think Mr. Danner might be talking about some other year.

The question was when did you first meet Mr. Davis and/or Mr. Crosby and you said they came out to Las Vegas. What year was that?

Mr. DANNER. I could not place the year with any degree of certainty.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it before the President's inauguration in 1969?

Mr. DANNER. No, I am sure it was later than that.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it between inauguration and this meeting on May 6, 1969, in Washington, D.C.?

Mr. DANNER. It could have been, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Rebozo with Mr. Crosby and Mr. Davis in Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Anybody else present?

Mr. DANNER. Bob Peloquin was there of Intertel.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Rebozo there for the same purpose Mr. Davis and Mr. Crosby were?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know what his purpose was other than just visiting. I don't think he had any specific reason for coming out. He knew them and apparently, they decided to come out together to see the town.

Mr. LENZNER. But they came out as a party?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. Whether they traveled together, I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. And they went around together out there?

Mr. DANNER. They were out there together, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if Mr. Rebozo had any business dealings with Mr. Crosby or Mr. Davis?

Mr. DANNER. No, not of my own knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if they had any joint investments or purchases of land of any kind?

Mr. DANNER. No. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if Mr. Rebozo owns any stock in Resorts International?

Mr. DANNER. No; I do not know that.

Mr. LENZNER. Or the Paradise Island Bridge Co.?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Limited, I think it is called.

Do you own any interest in either of those companies?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. While Mr. Crosby and Mr. Davis and Mr. Rebozo were in Las Vegas, did you meet with them and Mr. Edward Morgan?

Mr. DANNER. I seem to recall he was there, too. Yes, I am sure he was.

Mr. LENZNER. And was there any discussion about any campaign contributions while they were in Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. None that I recall. I am sure there was not.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever seek to obtain any campaign contributions from Resorts International or Mr. Davis or Mr. Crosby?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion while they were in Las Vegas concerning the acquisition of Air West?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Or the acquisition of any hotels?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Or the TWA litigation?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Or the AEC testing?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. What hotel, if you can recall, did Rebozo, Davis, and Crosby stay at in Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. I know that Rebozo stayed at the Frontier. I am not certain—Crosby and Davis may have stayed there also. I am not certain of that.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if their bills were paid for by themselves or by the Hughes Tool Company?

Mr. DANNER. No; I haven't checked it. Usually, we won't charge people like that.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, going back to May 6 to 8, 1969, was there any reason why you would have asked Mr. Rebozo, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Crosby as a group to go out after the Nixon dinner during that period of time?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, just to spend an evening.

Mr. LENZNER. I mean why those three particular people?

Mr. DANNER. Well, I knew—I think Rebozo had gotten me the invitation and they were there and we wound up together, to the best of my recollection.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see the President on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. With Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I think we went through a receiving line and met him.

Mr. LENZNER. Were Mr. Davis and Mr. Crosby with you at that time?

Mr. DANNER. You mean next to me?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes.

Mr. DANNER. No; I don't think so.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you meet the President later or at any other time outside of the receiving line?

Mr. DANNER. No. There was quite a crowd there, as I recall, and we went by and met him and that was the end of that.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether President Nixon or any member of his family had any business dealings with Mr. Davis or Mr. Crosby?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion in May, at this particular time in May 1969, May 6 through 8, with Mr. Rebozo or Mr. Davis or Mr. Crosby concerning campaign contributions?

Mr. DANNER. I am certain I never discussed campaign contributions with either Davis or Crosby, individually or together or with Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. Or with Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I meant Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. You say you didn't have any discussions with Mr. Rebozo at all during this period, May 6 through 8, 1969, concerning campaign contributions?

Mr. DANNER. It is quite possible that we did, but not in the presence of those other people. It was probably a continuation of what were we doing and what were the problems in connection with the 1970 elections. I am certain we did discuss it. I don't have any recollection of what or when they were, but it would be natural that we would discuss it.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Mr. Danner, just testimony what you remember, not what must have been.

Mr. DANNER. Well, I have no recollection.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see Mr. Mitchell between May 6 and May 8, 1969?

Mr. DANNER. I have no recollection, but I—

Mr. FREEDMAN. That is all.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, your telephone records indicate that on May 21, 1969, the same month that you came to Washington, you had three phone calls to Mr. Rebozo—three phone calls, that is, on the same day. Do you have any recollection of what those calls were related to?

Mr. DANNER. May 21, 1969?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. No; I haven't.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that the period of time when you were discussing campaign contributions with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. It was about that time.

Mr. LENZNER. Is there any particular reason that you can recall why you would have called him or talked to him three times—well, you called him, actually, three times and spoke to him for \$1.70 worth

on two occasions and \$7 worth on the third occasion, which is a fairly lengthy phone call.

Mr. DANNER. No; I have no independent recollection of what those conversations concerned.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Danner, you have provided the committee with travel records covering the period of time December 4, 1968, to the present. However, there are some gaps in those travel records. Specifically, I am referring to the gap in your records between November 1970 until June 1971. Is there any reason why we don't have copies of those travel records for those dates?

Mr. DANNER. Probably in December 1970, there was a complete reorganization of the Hughes Nevada operations. Maheu was no longer in charge, nor were a number of his people. I was given new duties and assignments, none of which had anything further to do with Washington, politics, et cetera, or any related subjects.

Mr. LACKRITZ. So are you implying through your answer that you did no traveling after December 1970?

Mr. DANNER. If I show no expense accounts in there, I think that would be the answer, that I was not traveling.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, you are maintaining that the records that you have provided to the committee are a complete and accurate record of your expense vouchers submitted to the Hughes——

Mr. DANNER. Yes; the expense vouchers you have are primarily those incurred while at the Frontier Hotel.

Mr. LACKRITZ. That is right.

Mr. DANNER. And I was still at the Frontier during that period of time, so they would have shown up, I am sure, in the search that was made.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In addition, there are no travel records from October 1971 to February 1973. What is the explanation for the absence of records for those dates?

Mr. DANNER. What are the dates?

Mr. LACKRITZ. October 1971 to November 1973.

Mr. DANNER. October 1971—I was then in charge of the Sands and Castaways Hotels, as of this date, and the same reason would apply, that I was not being called upon to make trips on behalf of any of the projects that were going on. I was devoting my full time to some three different jobs.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Three different jobs being?

Mr. DANNER. General manager of the Sands Hotel, general manager of the Castaways Hotel, and vice president for legal affairs.

Mr. LACKRITZ. So in other words, what you are maintaining, then, is that the absence of the records from that period of time would indicate that you did no travel in behalf of these companies, not that those records cannot be located at this time?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Off the record discussion.]

Mr. LENZNER. Going back to your records, your June——

Mr. DANNER. Let me just interpose this: I was making frequent visits to Los Angeles, which is our headquarters, and those would be usually down in the morning, attend a conference, and back in the evening.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And why would those not be reflected on the travel records?

Mr. DANNER. The tickets would be obtained through the hotel and I had no other expenses.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Were there any other occasions when tickets would be obtained through the hotel and you would have no out-of-pocket expenses yourself?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any—nothing having to do with business, I am certain.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Well, for example, did you ever travel to Florida through tickets obtained by the hotel where you didn't have to pay any out-of-pocket cash and you didn't have to submit vouchers to the company?

Mr. DANNER. I made a couple of trips to Florida. My mother is still living down there and my wife and I went down there on two different occasions. I don't recall the dates, but they are not considered hotel expenses.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you meet with Mr. Rebozo on those occasions?

Mr. DANNER. No; I don't think so. She lives in central Florida. We did go down to Miami on one occasion, but we visited with friends down there, not with Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever go by company plane to Florida where you would not have submitted expense vouchers or that expense vouchers and records that you submitted would not relate or reflect that trip?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Could we get a time record? You are talking now about 4 years.

Mr. LENZNER. Yes; I am talking about 4 years.

Would your travel records not reflect certain dates is what I am asking?

Mr. DANNER. I am not sure if it would show motor travel if there was no charge. I made trips to Florida on the de Haviland, if that is what you are asking.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, on June 14 through 16, you show another expense—

Mr. FREEDMAN. What year, please?

Mr. LENZNER. Of 1969, to C. G. Rebozo for \$10. Do you recall what that was related to?

Mr. DANNER. My best recollection is he visited Las Vegas. He came up and spent the night, and I think the \$10 was for tips that I paid out.

Mr. LENZNER. And there is some handwriting in purple next to that. This is referring again to exhibit—

Mr. DANNER. Isn't that where I wrote the Las Vegas visit?

Mr. LENZNER. I can't read this. It is on exhibit 1.

Mr. DANNER. Yes. That is "visit to LV." That stands for Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the purpose of Mr. Rebozo's visit?

Mr. FREEDMAN. We are talking about June 14 to 16.

Mr. LENZNER. Yes.

Mr. DANNER. He came out to spend the night, visit. As I recall, at that time, he had not been in Las Vegas for many years and he wanted to see what it was like.

Mr. LENZNER. I thought he had visited there with Mr. Davis and Mr. Crosby shortly before your meeting with him, sometime before May 6, 1969.

Mr. DANNER. Was that prior to this?

Mr. LENZNER. My recollection of your testimony is that you said you met Mr. Davis and Mr. Crosby for the first time when they came out to Las Vegas.

Mr. DANNER. But I am not certain whether it was before or after this visit.

Mr. LENZNER. You took Davis and Crosby out with Rebozo on May 6 through 8, 1969.

Mr. DANNER. That was here.

Mr. LENZNER. In Washington?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Now you say you had met Davis and Crosby prior to that out in Las Vegas. That was not the first time you had met Davis and Crosby, right, here in Washington, D.C.?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know whether I met them first here or in Las Vegas. I am not certain. It sticks in my mind that I did know them prior to their coming to Las Vegas. Perhaps that is the first time I met them. I am not certain.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember where Mr. Rebozo stayed on the nights of June 14, 16, 1969?

Mr. DANNER. He stayed at the Frontier.

Mr. LENZNER. Again paid for by the Frontier?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. What were these dates?

Mr. LENZNER. June 14 through 16, 1969.

Did you have any discussions with him with regard to campaign contributions during that period?

Mr. DANNER. I recall no explicit or specific discussions, but every time we were together, we discussed politics. But I don't recall any details.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss anything with regard to the acquisition of Air West on June 14 to 16 with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss anything in regard to AEC testing at this time?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any discussions we had during that period. I have discussed with him the AEC testing, the dates of which I could not place. But that early, May of 1969, if that is the date you are talking about, I don't believe I knew enough about it to be in a position to even discuss it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you introduce Mr. Rebozo to any other individuals in the Hughes Tool Co. employ?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I took him around and introduced him to a number of people.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he meet Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. I am sure he did, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if he met Mr. Johnny Meier?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. You mean he did not or you do not know?

Mr. DANNER. I would not have taken him to see Johnny Meier, no.

Mr. LENZNER. Anybody else you recall? Did he meet Mr. Winte?

Mr. DANNER. No, he was not aboard at that time, as I recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you remember anybody else?

Mr. DANNER. I think General Nigro was still there. I think he met General Nigro.

He met the various officials around the hotel, staff people. We just took him on a tour of the hotel and showed him what we had.

Mr. LENZNER. Was he involved at all with the Cay Sal negotiations?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ever go to Nassau with you when you went down there to negotiate that sublease?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss with Mr. Rebozo any investments he may have made on behalf of the President or his family?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir—Let me correct that. He had told me of Mr. Nixon's involvement or investment in Fisher Island, that he was a stockholder in that company.

Mr. FREEDMAN. "He" is whom?

Mr. DANNER. Rebozo.

Mr. FREEDMAN. The question was about the President.

Mr. LENZNER. And that the President had purchased stock at Mr. Rebozo's suggestions in Fisher Island?

Mr. DANNER. In the Fisher Island Co.

Mr. LENZNER. What else did he tell you about that?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, the problems they were having with trying to develop it, the fact that it was ideally located, a beautiful island, but they could not get together on any plans to develop it. The stockholders were complaining about a lack of inactivity. It has been a controversial subject in Florida, to my knowledge, for 30 years.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he discuss with you the President's resale of his stock?

Mr. DANNER. No, I didn't know about that until I read about it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you, yourself, become a stockholder or were you asked to become a stockholder by Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I was neither asked nor did I seek to invest in it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any business discussions with Mr. Rebozo while he was out in Las Vegas relating to the Hughes Tool Co. or any of his business dealings during the period June 6 to June 13, 1969?

Mr. DANNER. None that I recall. When you say Hughes Tool Co. business, I am certain that I told him about the progress that we were making with the Frontier Hotel, particularly, the improvements we were making, the problems that I had found existent there, things of that sort. But it was more or less just in casual conversation, nothing that related to we need help in this area or we need help in that area.

Senator WEICKER. We will just go off the record for a minute.

[Off-the-record discussion.]

Senator WEICKER. I think we will have to recess until Senator Ervin gets here. I am sorry to put you to this inconvenience, but your ground rules are creating a problem here. I know you are under instructions, too, counsel, so I don't in any way want to interfere with your tactics in

this matter. That being the case, we will stand in recess until Senator Ervin or some other Senator arrives.

Mr. LENZNER. Thank you, Senator.

[Recess].

[Senator Ervin presiding.]

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, could you also look at what has been marked previously as exhibit 1? I refer specifically to a June, what appears to be June 26—although I can't read the last numeral, and I will ask you to help us on that—1969 trip to Miami which shows a conference with C. G. Rebozo.

Mr. DANNER. June—looks like 26. I can't make that out.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't know, you can't read this last numeral, is that correct?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember what the purpose of that trip was to Miami?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. I take it that the specific reason given on the expense account was conference with C. G. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. But you have no recollection at this time as to what subject matters, if any, were discussed?

Mr. DANNER. No, and I have no notes to refer to other than that expense account.

Mr. LENZNER. And going back just for a second, on a prior trip Mr. Rebozo made on June 14 through 16, were you aware then or are you aware now what the purpose of his visit to Las Vegas was?

Mr. DANNER. No, I am not.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if he was coming or going from any place to another destination?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall, but my best recollection is he was on the coast and took the opportunity to come up there.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, during this period of time, you have said that you had conversations with Mr. Rebozo when he suggested that Hughes could contribute to a poll for senatorial or congressional candidates and also for their campaigns?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, to a fund they were raising that was being raised to finance polls, surveys, and congressional campaigns in 1970.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Could we get a little more—you said "During this period of time."

Mr. LENZNER. When I said during this period, this was sometime after you attempted to furnish him the \$50,000, which was sometime in the spring of 1969?

Mr. DANNER. That is true.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo ever indicate during those discussions that he had discussed that contribution or the idea of the contribution with President Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. Which contributions?

Mr. LENZNER. The contribution to the congressional campaign.

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall his ever having mentioned the President in that connection.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate who had asked him to collect funds for the 1970 Congressional campaigns?

Mr. DANNER. No, but let me correct that. He did mention the fact that the President—the President was interested—I think he described it as the administration—in beginning to raise funds to finance the taking of polls and surveys preparatory to the congressional elections of 1970. Yes, I am sure he mentioned the fact that the President was interested in that.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever tell Mr. Rebozo that Mr. Hughes or representatives of the Hughes Tool Co. were concerned that they had not furnished sufficient funds for his 1968 campaign and they therefore wanted to make a further contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No, that discussion never arose. On the contrary, when those discussions—what discussions were had—it was pointed out to Mr. Rebozo that the money had been available and that he had declined it. That was during 1968 prior to the elections.

Mr. LENZNER. And then had declined it a second time in the spring of 1969.

Mr. DANNER. He said they had no need for it at that time.

Mr. LENZNER. Off the record.

[Off the record discussion.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Now, Mr. Danner, you mentioned that you heard from Mr. Rebozo that the President was interested in raising money for the 1970 Congressional campaign. Is that correct?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall when Mr. Rebozo told you this?

Mr. DANNER. No, it would have been sometime during the period we have been discussing. I would say May, June, July.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Of 1969?

Mr. DANNER. 1969.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And did Mr. Rebozo explain to you why the President was taking a personal interest in raising campaign funds for the 1970 Congressional campaign?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. The way it was explained to me, as is customary, the so-called off year elections are always of great concern to the White House and that in the elections of 1970, they hoped to be able to bring about a, possibly a change in the makeup of the Senate and/or House, and that was the purpose.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did Mr. Rebozo indicate to you that the President was taking a personal interest in these 1970 races?

Mr. DANNER. No, that he was not becoming personally involved but that apparently, this was his wish or desire, that something be done or be started in this direction.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did Mr. Rebozo indicate that the President had asked him to check with the Hughes organization to see if the Hughes organization were interested in making such contributions to the 1970 campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No, I didn't think he ever mentioned that the President specified any source.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did he specify that the President has asked Mr. Rebozo himself to look into fundraising for the 1970 congressional campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall his ever having said that he was given that assignment.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Well, did he ever tell you that the President wanted anyone else to take the lead in fundraising for the 1970 congressional campaign?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any discussion as to who would lead this or take the prominent part, be the chairman or the finance chairman or direct such activities.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Was any mention made that Mr. Kalmbach was raising money at that time?

Mr. DANNER. At some point, there was a mention made of the fact that he was, but whether it was in connection with this particular matter, I am not certain. I have no recollection on that.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, during this period of 1969, when you were discussing with Mr. Rebozo this contribution, did he give you some reasons why he thought that Hughes should contribute to these campaigns?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Who is "he"?

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Rebozo.

Off the record.

[Off the record discussion.]

Mr. LENZNER. During this 1969 period when Mr. Rebozo was seeking campaign contributions from Hughes, did he give you some specific reasons why he thought Hughes ought to contribute?

Mr. DANNER. Well, go back to the \$50,000 that had been offered, I am told, for the 1968 campaign and the fact that it was still available. It is my recollection that he posed the question as to whether that money could be used for this period, whether Mr. Hughes would have any objection, and if not, whether there would be any more money forthcoming.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think the witness already testified to that at least twice.

Mr. LENZNER. My specific question is did he express a concern that Hughes and the Hughes organization, if it desired to maintain a non-partisan image, should also contribute to the Republican Party.

Mr. DANNER. Yes, as I say, I have testified to that already, that he let me know in a nice way, a needling way, that the administration knew that Hughes had contributed to Senator Humphrey's campaign but had not contributed to Mr. Nixon's campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. In addition to the contribution, didn't he discuss some other issues with you that he felt—Mr. Rebozo felt—indicated that the Hughes organization was too Democratic Party? For example, did he not raise with you the question that Mr. Larry O'Brien was on retainer to the Hughes organization?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. What did he say about this?

Mr. DANNER. He cited it another example of the lack of partnership on the part of the Hughes organization.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate how he had learned—

Mr. LACKRITZ. Excuse me. You said the lack of partisanship on the part of the Hughes organization?

Mr. DANNER. Lack of bipartisanship.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate how he had learned of Mr. O'Brien's relationship to the Hughes organization?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall him saying how he learned, he just said that he knew Larry O'Brien was retained without specifying.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Do you know that fact, that Larry O'Brien had been "retained" by the Hughes organization, before Rebozo told you?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I knew that after identifying with the Hughes organization.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate how much Mr. O'Brien was receiving, any sizable sum from the Hughes organization, was that also part of his concern?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't think that ever entered into the discussion, he never asked me what they were paying, and I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate any other knowledge of what O'Brien was doing on behalf of the Hughes organization?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate whether he had discussed that issue with other people besides yourself?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss that issue with anybody else?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. I related these conversations to Robert Maheu. But Rebozo felt that that wasn't being fair, or words to that effect.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo indicate an awareness that Mr. Maheu himself had hired Mr. O'Brien?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't believe he ever specified that he knew that Maheu had hired him.

Mr. LENZNER. May the record reflect that Mr. Rufus Edmisten, deputy chief counsel, is in the room.

Did he ask you to obtain any information on Mr. O'Brien's relationship with the Hughes organization?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he also discuss with you the fact that Senator Humphrey's son had been employed by Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, he seemed to be aware of that fact.

Mr. LENZNER. And was this in the same context of concern about the Hughes organization appearing to be too pro-Democratic party?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, that was the context of it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss Mr. O'Brien's retainer with the Hughes organization with any member of the Nixon administration?

Mr. DANNER. No, none that I recall.

Mr. LENZNER. How about the President himself?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LACHRITZ. Mr. Danner, did you discuss with Mr. Rebozo the President's feelings about the Hughes organization retaining Mr. O'Brien?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall any conversations where Rebozo purported to express any opinions or observations of the President. I took it that they were aware of it.

Mr. LACHRITZ. Did he ever indicate to you that the President was aware of the retainer by Hughes of O'Brien?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any specific reference to it, no.

Mr. LACHRITZ. Do you recall what period of time the discussion with the O'Brien retainer arose?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think he already answered it.

Mr. LENZNER. It is pretty broad.

Mr. DANNER. My recollection is that this came about at the time the general discussions were going on about the lack of contribution in 1968 and citing some of the reasons they felt—Rebozo felt—that the Hughes people had not been fair in their distribution of political contributions.

Mr. LACHRITZ. So I take it this then is in early 1969 the time that you are referring to?

Mr. DANNER. It was in that late spring or early summer period.

Mr. LACHRITZ. And this is the same period of time in which you said that the money had been available but that they hadn't wanted it at that time?

Mr. DANNER. That was prior to it, to my best recollection, that probably was sometime in April—April or May.

Mr. LACHRITZ. I am sorry, Mr. Freedman, for going back over this.

Mr. LENZNER. Were there any other reasons Mr. Rebozo gave you for the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes making this additional contribution besides the ones that were discussed?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Which ones? So far you haven't mentioned any.

Mr. LENZNER. The record will speak for itself. But we already have the fact that \$50,000 was available but hadn't been given.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. And we have the Hughes-O'Brien relationship. And we have Senator Humphrey's son, right?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Those are three specific ones. Are there any other reasons that Mr. Rebozo expressed in terms of why Mr. Hughes should give additional funds?

Mr. DANNER. I recall no further references.

And incidentally, if I said that I knew that Senator Humphrey's son was on the payroll, I did not know that. I was told that, or I heard that, but I never met the young man or never knew what capacity he was occupying.

Mr. LENZNER. But Mr. Rebozo expressed some concern about that?

Mr. DANNER. He knew about that, at least he told me he knew about it.

Mr. LENZNER. And you transmitted this information about O'Brien, Bebe Rebozo's concern about O'Brien, and about Humphrey's son, to Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. Has Mr. Rebozo ever indicated which specific Senatorial or House candidates would receive those funds?

Mr. DANNER. No. That matter was discussed sometime during these discussions. I had no instructions as to any specific individuals that we had in mind supporting, or they had in mind supporting. As a result of the discussions, it was agreed that they—and by "they" I mean whomever was going to handle this matter—would handle the surveys and make the choices themselves, unless we had some specific candidate that we wanted supported out of those funds if they were to be given.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, you are reflecting your discussions with Mr. Rebozo, I take it?

Mr. DANNER. That is right. And it was left like that, use your own judgment unless we have one.

And then subsequently—and I believe this was after the first contribution was made—I was told by Rebozo that they would go ahead with this program, and that if ever on any occasion we wanted to know whom they had helped, how they had helped them, and what they had done, we only had to ask.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever ask, Mr. Danner?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did any representative of the Hughes Tool Co. or Mr. Hughes ever ask to your knowledge?

Mr. DANNER. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo ever voluntarily furnish you with information as to whether a particular candidate was supported with the funds furnished by Mr. Hughes?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember approximately when Mr. Maheu authorized the first payment of \$50,000?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Lenzner, this is my problem. There were two contributions made. They were made on two separate occasions. And despite all my efforts I am unable to place the dates—one I can with certainty—I can describe the places and the manner, but the exact dates I have been unable to find anything that will refresh my memory or enable me to definitely state.

Mr. FREEDMAN. You mean both dates or just one?

Mr. DANNER. I know one date.

Mr. LENZNER. And is that the date of the first or second delivery?

Mr. DANNER. That is what I am not certain of. I know that one contribution was made July 3, 1970 at San Clemente, Calif. I know that another contribution was made in the Bank of Key Biscayne, Mr. Rebozo's office. Now, which came first I am unable to state. I think San Clemente was first, and Key Biscayne was second. But something will come that will effect my recollection, and I may feel that the reverse is true.

Mr. LENZNER. I understand the confusion on this. The original question was—and I will get back to this—approximately when Mr. Maheu got back to you and said, "OK, Dick, \$50,000 has been authorized for Mr. Rebozo"?

Mr. DANNER. I couldn't place the date with certainty. But my best recollection is that this came about sometime during the summer. We are now possibly into July or maybe as late as August.

Mr. LENZNER. Of 1969?

Mr. DANNER. Of 1969.

Mr. LENZNER. Go ahead, sir. You wanted to add something.

Mr. DANNER. Again, the money was available, and he had apparently secured necessary authority to release it, and the way was open.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me. At this time how much were you talking about?

Mr. LENZNER. That is what I was going to ask him.

Mr. DANNER. We are talking about the two installments of \$50,000 each.

Mr. LENZNER. In other words, when Mr. Maheu told you that payments had been authorized he told you at that time that a total of \$100,000 would be given?

Mr. DANNER. \$50,000 was available now, and another \$50,000 would be made available later on.

Mr. LENZNER. Is there any reason why the whole \$100,000 couldn't be turned over immediately as indicated to you by Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. I was never given any reason.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate who had authorized him to turn over a total of \$100,000?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. He did not indicate whether Mr. Hughes was aware of this or not?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether Mr. Hughes was aware of this?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. After hearing that and on learning that from Mr. Maheu, how did you communicate with Mr. Rebozo and advise him about it?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I told him that the way had been cleared for \$50,000, which was then available, and that another \$50,000 would be forthcoming, when I did not know.

Mr. LENZNER. And what was Mr. Rebozo's reaction to that?

Mr. DANNER. He accepted it, fine, and he expressed satisfaction.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you set up any arrangements to transfer the first \$50,000 to Mr. Rebozo at that time, if you recall?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall at that time. But at some point in the future we agreed that when it was convenient either I would come to Miami or he would come out to Las Vegas or we would meet at some mutually agreeable place, at which time the contribution would be made.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, did Mr. Maheu indicate to you whether the first \$50,000 was the same \$50,000 that had been put aside in 1969 for the President's campaign?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me. Do you mean the exact cash, the exact currency?

Mr. LENZNER. The exact bills, same bills that were put aside in 1969?

Mr. DANNER. He had talked to me, as I told you before, giving me the impression that the \$50,000 that had been made available, or was available, in 1968 was still intact, and that whenever we were ready to make the contribution, that would be the money that would be used for the initial contribution. And I think you will recall that I first testified that I had some reason for believing this was the money. I couldn't place it then. Since then I have recalled various incidents that now make my recollection fairly certain that that was the same money.

Mr. LENZNER. Will you briefly describe those incidents that confirmed—

Mr. DANNER. The conversations. I had forgotten about the fact that Maheu had told me to tell Rebozo that if you want the money, it is still available.

Mr. LENZNER. That was earlier on when Mr. Rebozo refused?

Mr. DANNER. That is right. Now, whether or not Maheu ever said, "This is the exact money," I don't recall that, but there is some assumption there on my part.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Maheu indicate where the money was being held during this period of time?

Mr. DANNER. At some point in time he told me that it was in the safety deposit box in the cage in the Frontier Hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate to you at any time where that money had its origin, where it had been obtained from?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Senator Inouye just entered the room.

Senator ERVIN. Did you deliver those two \$50,000 sums to Mr. Rebozo yourself?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Senator ERVIN. Was it in cash?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Senator ERVIN. And \$50,000 was delivered to him by you at San Clemente, and the other \$50,000 to him at Miami?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Senator ERVIN. Thank you. Off the record.

[Off the record discussion.]

Mr. LENZNER. Back on the record.

Did Mr. Maheu indicate where those funds came from originally?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir, not to me.

Mr. LENZNER. Where did you finally get the \$50,000 from? Who gave it to you, Mr. Danner, that first \$50,000?

Mr. DANNER. My recollection is hazy. Either Maheu sent me down to get it out of the safe deposit box, or he obtained it and delivered it to me either in his office or my office, I am not certain.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he give you anything in writing to authorize you to obtain that \$50,000?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me. He didn't say to obtain it. I think he said Mr. Maheu gave it to him.

Mr. LENZNER. I think he said he had sent him down to pick it up himself.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I am sorry.

Mr. LENZNER. And was that time in 1969?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir—now, wait, again it was whenever the first delivery was made.

Mr. LENZNER. You can't even recall whether that was 1969 or 1970? What I am worried about, if you had authorization as early as the summer of 1969, do you recall whether it was a substantial period of time before you delivered it after receiving authorization, 6 months or more?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Lenzner, I can only tell you that it would seem to me that 1969 would be rather early when you are talking about an election to be held in November of 1970. Now, when the authorization came from Robert Maheu I can't recall. Of my best recollection it came about in the summer or early fall of 1969 that the way is cleared, I have gotten the authorization, according to his words. Now, if you are asking me why there was such a delay in delivering it, I don't know. That is my problem.

Mr. LENZNER. If there was a delay, which we don't know.

Mr. DANNER. Right.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion as to delivery of cash rather than a check?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You didn't question that?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo specify cash?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. When you received the funds did you count the funds?

Mr. DANNER. Only in this respect. As you know, we bundle money into \$100 bills in various quantities, \$1,000, usually \$5,000 packages, with a strap with \$5,000 on it. And rarely do you break the package open and count the money unless you are going to pay out an odd amount. I merely counted the bundles. There were 10 \$5,000 bundles in straps.

Senator INOUE. [presiding]. You indicated that you had no discussion with Mr. Rebozo as to whether it should be cash or check?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any specification either way.

Senator INOUE. Was there any event or discussion in the past that would cause one to assume that it would have been in cash, that this was the way that it would be transmitted?

Mr. DANNER. Previously I had testified that \$50,000 had been raised by Mr. Hughes in 1969 for the Nixon campaign. This money had never been delivered. This money, I testified to my best recollection, had been held intact during this entire period of time. It was in cash. But why it was in cash, whether it had been specified, I had no knowledge.

Senator INOUE. Did it surprise you that it was in cash?

Mr. DANNER. No, not necessarily. It might have at one time in my life.

Senator INOUE. Did you expect it in cash?

Mr. DANNER. No, I had no advice whatsoever in that.

Senator INOUE. Did Mr. Rebozo express some concern or chagrin that it was in cash?

Mr. DANNER. That it was? No, I don't recall him making any comment about, why wasn't it in the form of a check, or why is it in cash.

Senator INOUE. What was his response, do you recall?

Mr. DANNER. When I delivered the money to him he slid it out of the large manila envelope and counted the bundles, and thanked me.

The delivery that was made at San Clemente was in his room in the Presidential compound. He laid the bundles out on the bed and counted them, but he didn't fan them or break down the amounts, he put them back in the envelope and put them in his handbag. And that was about the size of it.

Senator INOUE. He just thanked you on both occasions?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. If that was the first one, I think he asked me when the second one might be expected. If it was the second one, then that fulfilled the commitment.

Senator INOUE. Thank you.

Mr. LENZNER. Just one question. You say there were—what did you call them?

Mr. DANNER. Straps.

Mr. LENZNER. Is that something that the casino puts on, or is that a bank wrapper?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, we strap the money, or we get it from the bank with the straps. And I am not certain, and I meant to find out while I was out there, whether we use our bank straps, or whether we have straps labeled Sands Hotel, I am not certain.

Mr. LENZNER. When you turned the money over to Rebozo on the first occasion, were there straps which said \$5,000 on the money?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Around the money?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And would it also have had the bank's name on it, or one of the hotels' name on it?

Mr. DANNER. It would have one designation, but I don't remember checking it.

Mr. LENZNER. It would have been one or the other?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And would it have indicated Las Vegas, Nev.?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. Any other information on those wrappers?

Mr. DANNER. I have never examined them that closely. It is in red letters, the amount, \$5,000. And I have seen them where it shows Valley Bank, which is our principal bank. We did get money from other hotels sometimes. I just don't know. I have never taken the time to look at it and carefully examine them.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Could it have possibly have said Silver Slipper?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. If the money came from the Silver Slipper cage, then would it have Silver Slipper on the wrapper?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know. I could find out for you. But I have never inquired about it.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Freedman, it would be useful for our records if we could get that information at a later time. I am not going to hold you up on it now. And also if possible a specimen wrapper from whatever the bank is.

Mr. DANNER. Valley Bank of Nevada.

Mr. LENZNER. And also one perhaps from the Silver Slipper if we can as an exhibit.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Would you do me a big favor. Would you write me a letter. Because we are now precluded from getting this transcript, I would like to have it in writing.

Mr. LENZNER. Referring to exhibit 1, there is a reference here, Mr. Danner—and I would like to know if it is in your handwriting—it said "trip to Miami, Fla., HNO Project, Washington, D.C., and return." And it is for your September 1969 expenses. Does that refresh your recollection at all as to whether that was a trip on Key Biscayne for the purpose of turning over \$50,000 to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No, this is not. You will see that the expenses covered are those of the claimant, myself, and R. A. Maheu. And my recollection now on this is that that came at a time when Robert Maheu and I had gone to Miami to talk to Rebozo about Mr. Hughes' great concern over the proposed dumping of the nerve gas in the Atlantic Ocean.

Mr. LENZNER. I believe in your first testimony before the Internal Revenue Service it was your recollection then that Mr. Maheu did accompany you to Key Biscayne at the time you turned over \$50,000 to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. That was my first recollection. But after an opportunity to think about the matter and relate it to other events, I became convinced that he was not present.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you explain a little bit about that, Mr. Danner, how you could be so certain that he was not present when you first testified that he was.

Mr. DANNER. Because we had been down there, Maheu and I had visited Miami on two occasions together.

Mr. LENZNER. To see Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Once on the nerve gas and the other when we picked him up and went to Nassau. I am certain now that on neither occasion were the deliveries of the contributions made. My recollection is fairly clear now that only Mr. Rebozo and I were together in his office in the Key Biscayne bank. And as I have testified previously, he counted the money, again counted it, or slipped the bills out, the packages, counted them and put them back in the envelope, excused himself, was gone for a few minutes, came back and said, "I keep such contributions in a special lockbox in the bank which I use for this purpose, as distinguished from my own records," et cetera. And I am certain Maheu was not present on that occasion.

Mr. LENZNER. What you are saying is that you turned over the money to Rebozo in Key Biscayne at the bank?

Mr. DANNER. At the bank of Key Biscayne, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. You say he pulled the money out of the wrapper?

Mr. DANNER. No, it was again in a large manila envelope, and he laid it out on his desk and counted the 10 packages, and put it back.

Mr. LENZNER. He didn't count each bill individually?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. So when you saw the package of \$50,000 the wrappers were still around the bills?

Mr. DANNER. That is true.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether a list was kept by anyone from Hughes' organization of the serial numbers of the specific bills that were furnished to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you discussed with anybody else the question of whether—aside from law enforcement officials of the Senate committee—in an effort to refresh your recollection, have you discussed with anybody else whether Mr. Maheu was with you on your trip to Key Biscayne to furnish \$50,000 to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. As you will note, I believe I first testified that I was present in Miami on that occasion. Now, as I say, after an opportunity to think the thing over further, I became more and more convinced that he was not present.

Mr. LENZNER. What I am asking is, since you testified before, have you discussed it with other individuals to refresh your recollection as to whether he was or was not present?

Mr. DANNER. I asked Rebozo whether he recalled whether Maheu was present or not, and it was his best recollection that he had not been present.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall when you spoke to Mr. Rebozo about that?

Mr. DANNER. No, but it would have been sometime after I first—I believe my first testimony before the IRS.

Mr. LENZNER. That was in 1972?

Mr. FREEDMAN. 1972 or 1973?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall whether it was the first time, which was in May of 1972, or the second time, which was in July of 1973.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you talk to Rebozo in an effort to refresh your recollection sometime this year, 1973?

Mr. DANNER. I can't recall when the date was.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it after we talked with you in Las Vegas in August of this year?

Mr. DANNER. No, it was prior to that.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo on either occasion give you a receipt for the funds?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ask for a receipt?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Senator INOUE. Weren't you instructed to get a receipt?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Senator INOUE. Were you told that a receipt was not necessary?

Mr. DANNER. No; the subject matter never came up, it was never discussed.

Senator INOUE. Didn't you consider it rather strange that you would pass over this large sum and not get a receipt? Didn't you want to protect your flanks and be able to show your principal that you did in fact deliver the amount?

Mr. DANNER. Senator, if I was dealing with someone whom I didn't know, yes. But this was a person that I had been very close to, very friendly with, for some 30 years, and I trusted him, I had no occasion to not trust him.

Senator INOUE. So the matter of a receipt did not come up between you and your principal?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if anybody else in the Nixon administration was aware of the contribution, either contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss either contribution with anybody else besides Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No; I am certain that I did not.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever have a discussion with the President concerning this contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Maheu indicate that he wanted to make sure that the President was aware of the contribution, or at least acknowledged the receipt of it?

Mr. DANNER. No; I don't recall that ever having been discussed. And I think the reason is rather obvious, because if it was delivered to Mr. Rebozo he was very close to the President, and he could use his own judgment as to whether or not he had received the contribution.

Mr. FREEDMAN. When you said he received the contribution—

Mr. DANNER. Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, on your trip to San Clemente, you say July 3 1970—

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. What do you base that date on? Is that based on your travel records?

Mr. DANNER. It is a deduction. I have only been there on one occasion. And on that occasion I delivered the money. So it had to be that date.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you go in the DeHavilland?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Commercial?

Mr. DANNER. No, I took Air West to Santa Ana, and I picked up a limousine and went to San Clemente. We were admitted in the gate, we were expected. My name was posted at the gate. They directed us where to go—the driver. I was met by Rebozo at what I believe they called the offices, the executive offices. There was a little patio out there where they had tables and umbrellas. We had a cup of coffee and they took me over to the house where he was staying. I delivered the money to him there and we then took a tour of the premises.

We had lunch—I don't recall whether before or after.

I went in and he took me and left me in Rose Mary Woods' office. We sat and talked, and visited for a few minutes and he came back and said, "Would you like to meet the President?"

He took me into the President's office and the three of us sat there and chatted for possibly 10 or 15 minutes.

And then I think we took another tour of the grounds, walked out on the golf course, and either had lunch or had previously had lunch, I am not certain.

And I returned, I believe it was the flight around 4 in the afternoon, or something of that sort.

Senator INOUE. Just one clarification. You went into the President's office?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Senator INOUE. And you met the President there?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Senator INOUE. And you were with the President, the three of you, for 10 or 15 minutes?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Senator INOUE. Would you tell us what you discussed there?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. He, of course, asked me how I liked Las Vegas, what I did, what my duties were.

Senator INOUE. He knew you were from Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I had met him previously, and he knew I had gone out there from here. And then he asked me—he was telling me about the problems at the White House in getting entertainment that is suitable for a young audience, a mixed audience, and so on. How difficult it was to get movies that were not a little too raw. And he asked me about what entertainers we had at the Frontier, and which ones would be suitable for the White House and I told him.

And he expressed a great deal of interest as to what material they used. I was quite impressed with his curiosity and inquiries along that line. And it apparently was quite a problem on his part.

Senator INOUE. Did Mr. Rebozo tell the President that he had just got a gift or contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Senator INOUE. Was the matter of a contribution ever brought up?

Mr. DANNER. No sir.

Senator INOUE. Campaigns?

Mr. DANNER. No. Rebozo had always made it clear that he didn't want any discussion with the President having to do with contributions, receiving them or soliciting them, other than the ones I have talked about in 1968.

Mr. LENZNER. Did the President ask you what the purpose of your visit was to San Clemente?

Mr. DANNER. He said something about coming down and visiting with Rebozo and keeping him company, that he was wandering around there by himself, something to that effect.

Mr. LENZNER. You say you also had a conversation with Rose Mary Woods?

Mr. DANNER. I did.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss the purpose of your visit with her?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did she ask you the purpose of your visit?

Mr. DANNER. No. I think I told her that I had long wanted to see the place, and this was the first opportunity I had had, and I came down to visit with Rebozo and go on back.

Mr. LENZNER. You had known Miss Woods prior to that, had you not?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Miss Woods apparently had some interest in the Hughes Tool Co. Did you have any discussions with regard to the Hughes Tool Co. with her at that time?

Mr. DANNER. No. I don't know of any interest she had.

Mr. LENZNER. Was she aware of the fact that you worked for the Hughes Tool Co. at that time?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, yes, they all knew that I had joined the Hughes organization.

Mr. LENZNER. She didn't discuss with you any specific issues with regard to the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. No; none at all.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see Mr. Mitchell while you were out there in San Clemente?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see Kalmbach?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see anybody else besides the President and Miss Woods?

Mr. DANNER. While we were having lunch people would walk by. And Rebozo introduced me to several of them. And I would just shake hands and they went on. I don't even recall who they were. No one joined in the conversation.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with Mr. Rebozo any other issues with regard to the Hughes Tool Co. while you were out in San Clemente?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir. I am certain that we didn't get into anything having to do with any tool company problems.

Mr. LENZNER. Your expense voucher indicates a trip to San Clemente for conference at summer White House. Did you discuss any substantive issues besides the payment of the funds with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir, none that I recollect. I think the use of the word "conference" is simply my choice of terms, it doesn't mean a formal conference, a discussion and an agenda, it just is for the purpose of going down there and delivering the money.

Senator INOUE. Did Mr. Rebozo, at any time, tell you that he was authorized by the President to receive contributions in his behalf, the President's behalf?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Before you entered, Senator, there was some discussion on the record about what happened in 1968.

Senator INOUE. I wasn't here.

Mr. DANNER. The answer to your question is, yes. And I testified that, on at least one occasion or possibly more, Mr. Nixon, Rebozo, and I had discussed potential contributors. And at that time Mr. Nixon and Mr. Rebozo had asked me to attempt to contact someone in the Hughes organization relative to a contribution. Now, this was before I joined the organization. And I knew no one in the organization.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me. This was during the 1969 campaign?

Mr. DANNER. This was during the 1968. But I did know an attorney who was doing work for the tool company and was working closely with Robert Maheu. And that is the man that I contacted. And that led to the offer of \$50,000.

Senator INOUE. Did Mr. Rebozo repeat this on another occasion, that he was authorized to receive contributions on behalf of the President?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't think the subject matter ever came up in that context, Senator. It was just sort of a conclusion.

Senator INOUE. Did Mr. Rebozo ever tell you that he was authorized to receive contributions in behalf of the Committee To Re-Elect the President?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me. Can we get a time reference, please?

Senator INOUE. After the 1968 election.

Mr. DANNER. No. In March or April of 1972, I got a call from Rebozo—it was in Las Vegas—asking me if the Hughes organization, Mr. Hughes, was going to make a contribution to the 1972 campaign. I hold him at the time that I knew absolutely nothing about it, it had never been discussed with me, nor had I ever heard such a discussion. And he asked me, "Would I try to find out." And I said, "Well, I will call someone."

I did make a call. I was told that this matter was being handled back in the East, that there was nothing for me to do, they didn't want me to become involved in it. And that is the way the matter was left. And I reported that back to Rebozo, and that is the last I heard of it.

And, incidentally, that is the only activity in any shape, description, or form I had with the 1972 campaign.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think you ought to explain for the Senator what happened in December 1970, with respect to your duties.

Mr. DANNER. There was a tremendous upheaval or changeover in the Hughes organization, what we called the Hughes Nevada operation, which controlled the hotels, the casinos, the mines, the ranches, et

cetera, at which time Robert Maheu was removed, as were a number of other people. And Mr. Hughes was given the proxies of three of the directors to take over the entire operation. I stayed on as then manager of the Frontier Hotel. This occurred in December.

Mr. FREEDMAN. 1970?

Mr. DANNER. 1970. There was a suit between Maheu's side and the Hughes Tool filed in conjunction. The matter was in court on up close to the end of the year, and I believe on into January. The court ruled in favor of the Hughes Tool Co. I was told then, by the then directors, that my duties were to confine myself strictly to hotel management. And shortly thereafter I was given another job and another title. I was made vice president for legal affairs. I went from the Frontier Hotel in March into vice president for legal affairs, and started organizing a staff.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me. March of what?

Mr. DANNER. March of 1971. And then I was asked by the board of directors to take over the management of the Desert Inn. And I was over there for 3 months. And then they called me in again and asked me to take over the management of the Sands Hotel, which was our largest hotel, and another hotel, the Castaways, which was a smaller hotel.

So, as I have explained to these gentlemen, the manager of those hotels, and they made it very clear that they wanted them run, managed, and they were not concerned. They did not want me to concern myself any longer with politics or matters here in Washington, they wanted me to confine myself to those activities. And that is what I have done.

Senator INOUE. Now, you said the director didn't want you to be involved in politics or the matters in Washington. Were they suggesting that they were aware of those contributions?

Mr. DANNER. At some point earlier in 1971 I told them about the contributions, yes. But the thrust of their talks with me was to devote all of my energies, and all of my time to the hotels.

Mr. LENZNER. Who did you tell in early 1971 of the contributions?

Mr. DANNER. I think I reported the first to Raymond Holliday, who was chairman of the board, and to Calvin Collier, who was secretary and treasurer, I believe, of the Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. LENZNER. How about Mr. Gay?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; I am sure I told Mr. Gay at the same time.

Mr. LENZNER. Did any of those individuals indicate whether they had previous knowledge of the contributions?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall their commenting either way.

Mr. LENZNER. Did they comment as to whether they knew the contributions had been authorized by Mr. Hughes?

Mr. DANNER. No. To my best recollection, it was just a statement I made that I wanted them to be aware of this. And I don't recall any comments they made critical or otherwise.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether a record was kept by the Hughes Corp. reflecting those contributions?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You say the Hughes Co.?

Mr. LENZNER. The Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. DANNER. I have no knowledge of that.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you know if there was any record in existence anywhere reflecting those contributions?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Senator INOUE. Your response is that they neither criticised nor expressed surprise over your statement that contributions had been made?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Senator INOUE. Did they appear as though this was business as usual?

Mr. DANNER. I didn't get that impression. I do recall, it was at—they had come up for the annual chamber of commerce banquet, which was the first time I had seen them since the changeover. And I took that occasion to tell them, I wanted to know as soon as possible that it was by that time, because by that time things had begun to happen out there.

Senator INOUE. Did you tell them who received it?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I had summarized about what I have told you.

Mr. LENZNER. You also indicated that it was for the 1970 congressional campaign?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you also indicate that you were not aware how it had been spent or on which candidate it had been spent?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall that I was asked that.

Mr. LENZNER. Did they ask you whether you knew?

Mr. DANNER. No, they accepted it. As I say, they didn't question me in detail on it. They just thanked me for the information, and that was about the size of it.

Senator INOUE. They weren't concerned as to where the money came from, private sources or corporate sources?

Mr. DANNER. No. And I rather think, Senator, the reason was that there were quite a few people around, and they were visiting, and I think they just felt that that was not the time or place to go into this matter in any detail.

Senator INOUE. You discussed this at the banquet with them?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, while we were at this function. This was the first opportunity I had to talk to them.

Senator INOUE. Did they, on a later occasion, continue the discussion?

Mr. DANNER. No. Any further discussions I had on this matter, as I recall, would have been with Mr. Gay and Mr. Davis.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Chester Davis?

Mr. DANNER. Chester Davis, yes.

Senator INOUE. Did they at that time express some amazement over your disclosure?

Mr. DANNER. No; by that time they pretty well knew about it, the source of the money, and so on.

Senator INOUE. It didn't concern them?

Mr. DANNER. It apparently did not. They didn't express anything to me.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the source of the second \$50,000 contribution, if you know?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't know where the second \$50,000 came from?

Mr. DANNER. You mean its original source, or how it came to me?

Mr. LENZNER. How it came to you.

Mr. DANNER. It was delivered to me by either Robert Maheu or Peter Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know where they got the money from?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did they or anybody else ever indicate that those funds came from the Silver Slipper Casino?

Mr. DANNER. No; about the only thing I was ever told in that respect was that any campaign funds including—those would have to come out of Mr. Hughes' personal account. Where and how that was held, I have no knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, the funds that you took down to Key Biscayne, you looked at those before you took them down, and then you saw them a second time after you gave them to Mr. Rebozo, is that correct?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you recall whether those funds were—did they appear to be old funds, new funds, currency that had been in use, or currency that hadn't been in use?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Lenzner, they looked like any other money we keep in the casino. You must recognize that we keep at all times in excess of \$1 million in bundles in the casino cage. And you just don't examine them—perhaps you should, but we don't. And the people who count our money are very accurate, and very proficient. So you will see them, when they are going through what is called the cage audit, they will just count those bundles out and assume that each one is \$5,000.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Because the money is in wrappers?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. And I agree, it is probably a loose system. But that is the way it is done.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Off the record discussion.]

Mr. LENZNER. But you have no recollection of any significant characteristic about this money; whether it was old money or whether it was new and appeared to be minted recently?

Mr. DANNER. No, I say, we don't get new bills, at least I don't see many, in Las Vegas. This was just like any other ordinary packet of \$100 bills, nothing significantly unique or unusual about it.

Mr. LENZNER. One other question. You said before that you talked to Mr. Rebozo after your first IRS deposition about whether Mr. Maheu had been with you when you delivered the funds in Key Biscayne. Did you also talk to him at that time about what his recollection was concerning the purpose of those funds?

Mr. DANNER. I have no recollection of such a conversation at that time—yes, I believe I did, because I told him that in describing the funds to IRS, that was the purpose assigned. The answer is "Yes."

Mr. LENZNER. You told him that you had told the IRS that you delivered them for the 1970 congressional campaign?

Mr. DANNER. The funds had been solicited to be used in the 1970 congressional campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. And what was Mr. Rebozo's reaction to that?

Mr. DANNER. Nothing.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he agree with that representation, or disagree with it?

Mr. DANNER. He did not disagree with it.

Mr. LENZNER. Has he ever advised you that it was his recollection that the funds were for the special purpose of going to the 1972 Presidential campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Has he ever advised you that it is his recollection that you requested an opportunity to furnish him with \$100,000 in campaign contributions?

Mr. DANNER. I have told you how the discussion started. Now, who initiated anything, I wouldn't attempt to say. This rose out of the \$50,000 from 1968.

Mr. LENZNER. I understand that. What I am saying now is, did Mr. Rebozo indicate to you when you went back to talk to him recently, after the first IRS deposition, that it was his recollection that it was you rather than him who first suggested that he receive the \$100,000?

Mr. DANNER. No; I don't recall such conversation.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else present, by the way, when you talked with Mr. Rebozo after your first IRS deposition?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Just you and he?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember where that was, Mr. Danner?

Mr. DANNER. I think it was on the telephone.

Mr. LENZNER. Nobody else was listening in or taking notes or recording?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, have you discussed these specific contributions ever with Mr. Smathers?

Mr. DANNER. Senator Smathers?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. Yes; I have.

Mr. LENZNER. On how many occasions?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, I think I first mentioned it to him sometime this year—no, I think probably I first mentioned it to him after the initial interview with the IRS. I mentioned it to him or discussed it with him on several occasions since then. I don't recall the times or places, but the problems that were being presented.

Mr. LENZNER. For what purpose?

Mr. DANNER. Well, Senator Smathers had been a longtime friend of mine. I have managed all of his campaigns. And I have been very close to him. He has advised me many times. And I thought he should know about it.

Mr. LENZNER. What was his reaction to this when he first heard about it?

Mr. DANNER. As I recall, there was nothing wrong with it; it wasn't illegal. But quite possibly it was going to prove the subject of considerable inquiry.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he give you any specific advice?

Mr. DANNER. To tell the truth.

Mr. LENZNER. Other than that? Nothing else?

Mr. DANNER. Just to tell the story to the best of my recollection and tell the truth and not vary.

Mr. LENZNER. But he was not aware of this at the time you made the contributions, he was not aware of the fact that you were making those contributions?

Mr. DANNER. I don't think so.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know if Senator Smathers discussed this contribution with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. He just told me he has.

Mr. LENZNER. And what was the purpose of those discussions?

Mr. DANNER. That Mr. Rebozo should tell the truth.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he relate to you the substance of what Mr. Rebozo had advised him?

Mr. DANNER. There has been a rumble—I don't know where I heard it—rumor—and I think the source probably emanated from Las Vegas—that Rebozo was going to deny that he had ever received this money. And as I recall, the best recollection I have is that Senator Smathers talked to Rebozo and asked him. And Rebozo said, "Absolutely not, I am not going to deny it."

Mr. LENZNER. This was after you were interviewed by the IRS?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ask Senator Smathers to talk to Mr. Rebozo about that?

Mr. DANNER. No; I just told him that I had heard it. And he took it upon himself to make certain that this was not going to happen. And I don't think there was ever any intention on Mr. Rebozo's part to deny it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo ever suggest to you that he would deny it?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ever suggest to you that you ought to forget about the whole incident?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did anybody ever suggest—

Mr. DANNER. I might say off the record.

[Off the record discussion.]

Mr. LENZNER. Let me ask this question. Did anybody ever suggest to you that you ought to deny it?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall where you heard that rumor that Mr. Rebozo was going to deny that?

Mr. DANNER. No; I don't recall it. Las Vegas is a rumor mill. And I won't even try to speculate on who might have started it.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you discussed those incidents with Mr. Rebozo on more than one occasion since your IRS deposition?

Mr. DANNER. I am trying to think—I think I have only seen Rebozo on one occasion since that time. I have talked to him on the telephone, but nothing concerning this.

Mr. LENZNER. When did you see him? You say you saw him once?

Mr. DANNER. I saw him in May 1973.

Mr. LENZNER. Where was that, sir?

Mr. DANNER. It was here in Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. May 1973?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the purpose of your coming to Washington?

Mr. DANNER. There was some party, special party at Burning Tree Club, and I came in for that, and let him know I was going to be here, and he came up and met me here in Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. You had previously voiced to him that you would be here, is that what you said?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; he had been wanting to see me.

Mr. LENZNER. And he had previously told you that he wanted to see you?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. And did he say what purpose he wanted to see you about?

Mr. DANNER. Not until we got together.

Mr. LENZNER. And where did you get together?

Mr. DANNER. The Madison Hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. Is that where you stayed?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Rebozo also staying there?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; I think he was.

Mr. LENZNER. Where did you see Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. In my room.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else present?

Mr. DANNER. Not during this discussion.

Mr. LENZNER. At other times were other people present?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abplanalp were in town. We met with them later for lunch.

Mr. LENZNER. And what discussion did you have with Mr. Rebozo at the Madison Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. My recollection is not certain, but I believe this was the first occasion he told me that the money had never been used.

Mr. LENZNER. I take it that the purpose of this discussion was to review some of the facts relating to those contributions: is that correct?

Mr. DANNER. No. The main purpose was to apprise me that the money had never been used, and that he wanted me to take it back.

Mr. LENZNER. And what was your reaction to that?

Mr. DANNER. Well, of course I was surprised. But my reaction was that it was not my money, it was Mr. Hughes' money. I was not Mr. Hughes' representative, and I didn't see any way possible that I could take the money, but that I would make such inquiries as were necessary, if that was his wish and that it was returned to the proper source.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo indicate that he had the money with him?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate to you that he had retained the exact same money that you had given him?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; he said it was the same money, it had never been disturbed or had never been used.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he say where he kept it?

Mr. DANNER. In the safety deposit box.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he say why it hadn't been spent as per the arrangement?

Mr. DANNER. I asked him why it had not been. And he offered no explanation, he said, we just didn't need it, or something to that effect.

Mr. LENZNER. And this came as a total surprise to you, that in May—I think you were here May 17th to the 20th at the Madison Hotel—it came as a complete surprise that this money had not been spent?

Mr. DANNER. That is true.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any other discussions with Mr. Rebozo at that time?

Mr. DANNER. Well, there was considerable discussion as to why I didn't think that I should handle it. And I felt there should be what we call an audit trial or, an accounting trial, and that I would make inquiry and subsequently talk to him as to how it could best be handled.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he say he had the money with him or didn't have the money with him?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo indicate whether he had discussed the return of the money with anybody else?

Mr. DANNER. No; he didn't mention that. And I asked him if he had consulted with an attorney or taxman or anyone of that sort, and he said, no, he hadn't, and he suggested that he had better do that.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you suggest any particular lawyer?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion about any of the details concerning the turnover of the money to him at the Madison Hotel?

Mr. FREEDMAN. To him or from him?

Mr. LENZNER. To him.

Mr. DANNER. The original—

Mr. LENZNER. Original transaction.

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any discussion along that line.

Mr. LENZNER. So there was no review with him as to when the money was turned over to him originally and what the purpose was for, and who was present?

Mr. DANNER. No; we didn't get into that.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion of this contribution with either Mr. or Mrs. Abplanalp when you had lunch with them later?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know what the purpose of their visit was at the Madison Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. They just came over to have lunch with us.

Mr. LENZNER. Where was that luncheon? Was it in Abplanalp's room?

Mr. DANNER. No. It was in a lodge up in the Catskill Mountains. He had invited us to go to lunch. He wanted to know if I liked fresh trout. And I said "yes." And he said, "I know just the place." And we went out to the airport and got in his jet, flew up there and had fresh trout, and turned around and flew back.

Mr. FREEDMAN. This was the Abplanalp plane?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Who else was on that trip?

Mr. DANNER. There were just the four of us.

Senator INOUE. Whose jet plane was this?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Abplanalp's.

[Off-the-record discussion.]

Mr. LENZNER. Back on the record.

Did you have any other discussions with Mr. Abplanalp and Mr. Rebozo concerning those campaign contributions, during that period of your stay between May 17 to 20, 1973?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see the President during that visit?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that over at the White House?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir, Camp David.

Mr. LENZNER. At whose invitation was that?

Mr. DANNER. Rebozo told me that the President would like to talk to me, and would I stay over and come up to Camp David.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you go up with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No; he was up there.

Mr. LENZNER. He called you from Camp David?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. And how did you get up to Camp David?

Mr. DANNER. They had a car pick me up.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you go out alone?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Except for the driver?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you meet with the President in Camp David?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Rebozo present?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. And what was discussed?

Mr. DANNER. He was discussing the problems, which were mounting, as you know, during that time, the fact that he felt certain that he would be vindicated before it was over, that he had no intention of resigning.

Senator INOUE. This was in May of 1973?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir. And that he had much greater problems to occupy his mind, and generally along those lines.

Senator INOUE. Did you find it rather unusual that the President of the United States would ask you to join him just to discuss this?

Mr. DANNER. Senator, I have known him for—I believe I first met him when he was in the House, and I had known him in the Senate. He visited me in Florida at one time, on which occasion I introduced him to Rebozo for the first time. And I would see him from time to time. I don't say we were on any intimate basis, but we did talk at one time while he was practicing law. He would call me up to New York and talk to me about the possibility of heading up an office here, a law office. I got the impression that one of the reasons is that he may have wanted to get the feel of what I thought about things from my point of view out West, as distinguished from here in Washington. And I know he likes to do that, get consensus. No, I don't think it was strange. I was certainly surprised that he asked me to come up there, but he has done that before.

Senator INOUE. Did you discuss the contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Senator INOUE. Any contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No contribution, no, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else present besides yourself, Mr. Rebozo and the President?

Mr. DANNER. None other than his valet, I guess it is, Manuel.

Mr. LENZNER. Manuel Sanchez?

Mr. DANNER. Manuel Sanchez, he was in and out of the room.

Senator INOUE. Can you tell us just about the times involved, from what time to what time?

Mr. DANNER. On that occasion?

Senator INOUE. Yes.

Mr. DANNER. I think the car picked me up around 9 o'clock in the morning. It was raining heavily.

Senator INOUE. When did you begin your discussions with the President?

Mr. DANNER. I would say it was probably shortly after noon, after 12 o'clock.

Senator INOUE. And when did it end?

Mr. DANNER. We talked in the room there for perhaps an hour. And then we took a walk. I remember it, because it was misting rain, and I didn't have a raincoat, but we took quite a walk around the compound, and he was showing me various places, and what was being done. And this probably lasted until 2 o'clock, something like that.

Senator INOUE. And where was the discussion held, in his room, his office?

Mr. DANNER. No, Rebozo was in a cabin. And he came over there.

Senator INOUE. Was this conversation recorded?

Mr. DANNER. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any conversation with the President in his own cabin?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir. He took us on a sort of a tour, he showed us where they were going to meet, and he was going to meet with Brezhnev, and things of that sort.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have lunch with him?

Mr. DANNER. No, I had lunch with Rebozo. The President left, we didn't see him anymore.

Mr. LENZNER. Are you saying that you went out there with Mr. Rebozo, after you had discussed with Mr. Rebozo his request to get the money back, and that issue did not arise while you were out at Camp David?

Mr. FREEDMAN. No, sir—was there any discussion about getting the money back when you were visiting the President?

Mr. DANNER. No mention was made of any campaign fund—the return of the money while we were talking to the President.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion related in any way to the Hughes Tool Co?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. The Summa Corp.?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Or Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, he asked me how I was getting along, and whether I was happy, and questions of that type, but nothing serious, nothing searching.

Senator INOUE. Did you bring up the matter of contributions?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir. Senator, I don't know if you were here, but I had always been told by Rebozo never to discuss anything of that sort in the presence of the President, he just didn't want to hear it.

Mr. LENZNER. So you are saying now that the only purpose, as far as you could tell of your going out there, was because the President wanted to ask you about your perspective on things from the West?

Mr. DANNER. I think that is it, yes.

Senator INOUE. Did Mr. Rebozo ever tell you why the President did not want to hear discussions relating to contributions?

Mr. DANNER. As President, the reason he had given me is that it embarrassed him, and he thought that is perhaps an effort too close to him, that he just would walk out of the room, he didn't want to hear about it, he wouldn't talk to anyone who wanted to discuss the subject.

Senator INOUE. And yet you testified that the money was specifically given to Mr. Rebozo because your principal was certain that, if you gave it to Mr. Rebozo, the President would know of the contributions.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't think he testified to that, Senator.

Senator INOUE. Didn't you say something to that effect?

Mr. DANNER. I wouldn't know whether he discussed it with the President. I think what he said was that there had been discussions to the effect that the President, the administration, was concerned with the 1970 elections. or whether he had participated in them, or whether he had directed someone to concern themselves with it, I was never told.

Senator INOUE. Was it your impression that whatever you told Mr. Rebozo would be eventually conveyed to the President?

Mr. DANNER. Not necessarily. He would make that clear to me, that he did not select the subjects to discuss with the President.

Senator INOUE. Was it your assumption that if you transmitted \$50,000 to him that Mr. Rebozo would bring this up with the President?

Mr. DANNER. Not necessarily. It would be purely a conclusion on my part.

Senator INOUE. And yet in 1968 the President did, together with Mr. Rebozo, discuss campaign contributions with you?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Senator INOUE. But a year later he did not want to hear about it?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't think there is any inconsistency. I know he was keenly concerned in those days about financing the campaign.

Mr. FREEDMAN. By those days you mean what?

Mr. DANNER. 1968. But I had never heard, nor had anyone ever told me, that he concerned himself with who contributed or in what amounts.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Abplanalp at Camp David?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you been to Camp David or seen the President since that time?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. You have not talked to the President or been with him?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo ever indicate to you that he had told the President about the money and had discussed it with him?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. So you are not aware of whether Mr. Rebozo has discussed it with the President or not?

Mr. DANNER. I am not aware of it.

Mr. LENZNER. You were in Washington on October 4 through October 9 at the Madison Hotel, is that not correct?

Mr. DANNER. What dates?

Mr. LENZNER. Of 1973?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. That is when I testified before——

Mr. LENZNER. What were the dates you were inquiring about? The dates show that you were staying at the Madison Hotel October 4 through October 9.

Mr. DANNER. Yes. I came in to give a deposition to the SEC.

Mr. LENZNER. Is that with regard to the Air West acquisition?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see Mr. Rebozo while you were at the Madison?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see anybody in the Nixon administration between the dates of October 4 and October 9, or talk of anybody?

Mr. DANNER. I went out to Burning Tree, and I saw a whole bunch of people out there, but no discussions.

Mr. LENZNER. Who did you see out there, sir?

Mr. DANNER. I saw Dick Kleindienst and some of the Congressmen, and a couple of the Senators, just visiting.

Senator INOUE. You had no appointments with officials?

Mr. DANNER. Oh, no.

Mr. LACHRITZ. Going back to May of 1973, when you came to Washington, as the hotel's records indicate, and as you testified previously, you say you came here for a party of some kind?

Mr. DANNER. No, I think I was mixed up on that. It was the October date when they had the party.

Mr. LACHRITZ. The October date was the party?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. I think the May date I came in specifically to meet with Rebozo.

Mr. LACHRITZ. To meet with Rebozo in Washington.

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACHRITZ. So you came in at Rebozo's request?

Mr. DANNER. Right.

Mr. LACHRITZ. And the October date, do you recall what party you attended?

Mr. DANNER. I think that was what they called the fall party. They have a spring party and a fall party.

Mr. LACHRITZ. This was not a personal party?

Mr. DANNER. No. All the membership turns out for this one. They have golf tournaments and gin-rummy tournaments and all.

Mr. LACHRITZ. Do you recall seeing Mr. Tom Webb on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I am certain that I did.

Mr. LACHRITZ. And this was—

Mr. DANNER. I think he had a party Saturday night which preceded the Redskins-Dallas Cowboys game, yes, I think I attended that.

Mr. LACHRITZ. And was this party that he had in honor of anyone in particular?

Mr. DANNER. The Cowboys, the owner, and his wife, and some of their friends were there. And I think during the course of the evening there must have been 200, 300, 400 people that came through there.

Mr. LENZNER. After Mr. Rebozo requested you to take the money back, did you talk to anybody concerning receiving the money back.

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Who did you talk to?

Mr. DANNER. Chester Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. And what advice or suggestions did he give you?

Mr. DANNER. I told him I wanted him to handle the matter, I didn't want anything to do with it. And he said he represented Mr. Hughes personally, and he said, I would be happy to handle it, and if they wanted to give the money back they would be glad to accept it, or words to that effect.

Mr. LENZNER. And did you advise Mr. Rebozo of that?

Mr. DANNER. I waited for his call, and he called me from the office of his attorney in Philadelphia, a man named Gemmill, and he said, "Put Mr. Gemmill on." And I talked to him, and he said, "I am going to give you the name and telephone number of our general counsel, and you can discuss this matter with him; I am not the proper person to participate in it." And that was the end of it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo ever ask you to come to Philadelphia to meet with him and Mr. Gemmill?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. When was that, sir?

Mr. DANNER. That was the same day.

Mr. LENZNER. Not before that day, though; not before the day that Mr. Rebozo called from Mr. Gemmill's office?

Mr. DANNER. I believe he did want me to come up earlier; yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And what was your response to that?

Mr. DANNER. That I had not been able to talk to Chester Davis, so there was no point in me going up there: there was nothing I could do or say or advise them; as soon as I could get ahold of Chester Davis, then I would be in a position to put them in touch with him and let it go from there.

Mr. LENZNER. Did they want to interview you about these transactions and contributions?

Mr. DANNER. They wanted to see me. I don't know what the purpose was.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember what Mr. Gemmill's reaction was when you told them that you wouldn't accept the money back, but you gave them Mr. Davis' name and number?

Mr. DANNER. He was very thankful, very appreciative. That is what he wanted to find out, and this gave him what he wanted to know.

Mr. LENZNER. Was this phone call that Mr. Rebozo made to you from Philadelphia on June 18 of this year?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall the date.

Mr. LENZNER. On June 18, it is our understanding, that Mr. Rebozo came to Philadelphia to see Mr. Gemmill, and also on June 18 he had occasion to call the Secret Service office in Miami. Do you have any recollection of what the purpose of that phone call was?

Mr. DANNER. The Secret Service?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. Sometimes when you call Rebozo in Miami you go through the Secret Service. That could have been possible. What was that date?

Mr. LENZNER. June 18, 1973.

Mr. DANNER. It could have been at that time that I had—I am not too clear—it could have been that I wanted to let him know that I had been in contact with Chester Davis, and he was standing by.

Mr. LENZNER. As I understand it, then, the first time that you learned that Mr. Rebozo wanted to return the money was at this meeting that you had with him in May of 1973 at the Madison Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. I have searched my memory, my recollection, and I am fairly positive he never mentioned this subject to me prior to this meeting here in Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. And when he requested you to come to Washington, did he tell you that that was the purpose of the meeting?

Mr. DANNER. No, he just said that he had to see me, it was important. And when we got together that was when he told me.

Mr. LENZNER. And the next time you talked to him was when he called you, sometime prior to the meeting in Philadelphia that he had, asking you to come to Philadelphia, and you advised him at that time that you hadn't had a chance to talk to Mr. Davis?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And then the next time you say was when you talked to Mr. Gemmill in Philadelphia?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. I think that call to the Secret Service, I was trying to reach him, and I don't know whether I left a message on how it happened, but shortly after that I got the call from him in Philadelphia from Mr. Gemmill.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you talked to Mr. Rebozo or seen him since then?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Senator?

Senator INOUE. You have had no communication with Mr. Rebozo since then?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Senator INOUE. In person, letter, or phone?

Mr. DANNER. No, it has just been blank since then.

Senator INOUE. No third party transmittal of messages?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Senator, in view of your schedule, I would suggest we adjourn this interview until tomorrow, at 10 o'clock in room S-143 of the Capitol.

Mr. FREEDMAN. You mean you are not finished with him?

Mr. LENZNER. No, sir, we are not finished.

Senator INOUE. How much more do you have?

Mr. LENZNER. We have several areas we have not touched upon relevant to our investigation.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Mr. Danner had a plane reservation for tomorrow morning. Apparently he won't be able to keep it. So, can you give him some idea about when he can make a plane reservation to get back? He has got business to attend to.

Mr. LENZNER. I would say sometime in the afternoon after 3 or 4 o'clock. I would say, for the record, just so it is clear for Senator Inouye, that we adjourned the taking of Mr. Danner's testimony from last week because he had to get back for other business arrangements, we did that as a courtesy. And we want to finish tomorrow as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. DANNER. I want to finish. But plane reservations are awfully difficult to get. Last time I left here I got hung up in Chicago for 4 hours, and I got home at 5 in the morning.

Mr. LENZNER. One of our problems, as you know, is that we have to have Senators coming in and out, because you insist on having a Senator here.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Your rules require a quorum to be present.

Mr. LENZNER. But our rules do not require that testimony can only be taken in executive session. This is the only time that I know of that the committee has been required to have a Senator for either staff interviews or executive sessions for all these witnesses.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I understand that you already had an interview with Mr. Danner in Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. We had a brief interview. But as he said in the deposition in the Maheu litigation, we didn't get into great detail. I see that is what you said, Mr. Danner, isn't that true?

Mr. DANNER. I thought we covered the subject matter pretty thoroughly.

Mr. LENZNER. I don't want to be over optimistic in guaranteeing when you can leave, but 10 o'clock tomorrow in Senate 143, in the Capitol, first floor.

[Whereupon the committee adjourned until 10 a.m., Wednesday, December 19, 1973.]

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1973

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES,
Washington, D.C.

The Select Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 11 a.m., in room 1418, Dirksen Senate Office Building.

Present: Senator Ervin.

Also present: Terry F. Lenzner, assistant chief counsel; Marc Lackritz, assistant majority counsel; R. Scott Armstrong, investigator; Richard Schultz, assistant minority counsel; Emily Sheketoff, research assistant.

Mr. LENZNER. This is a continuation of yesterday's session. Mr. Danner has been previously sworn. Mr. Danner, I wanted to review one or two items from yesterday, and then move on to some new areas if I could.

The first thing I wanted to review is, do you recall ever receiving any funds to be transferred to Mr. Rebozo from a Mr. Thomas Bell, or Tom Bell?

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Mr. DANNER. No, as I have stated, I am not sure who did deliver to me one of the contributions. It could very well have been Tom Bell, I thought it was one of the Maheus.

Mr. LENZNER. And with regard to that, in reviewing your phone records and travel records, can you give us—as I take it, you are certain that the one payment was made to Mr. Rebozo on or about July 3, 1970, at San Clemente?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, sir, if that was the first payment—and I say "if" it was, I know you are not sure of that—how soon after that was the second payment made? What I am trying to pin down, is when was the last date that a payment was made, to the best of your recollection?

Mr. DANNER. Somehow, my recollection was that it was in August 1970. However, as I say, it was not in August 1969, I am certain of that, as I originally testified, because my records don't show that I traveled during that month.

Mr. FREEDMAN. What month is that?

Mr. DANNER. August 1969. But if I proceed on the theory that it was July 3, 1970, in San Clemente, was the first, then the second one would have been, I think, around that August 20, 1970, date.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, I think your records also show—let me make it clear, also, for the record, that you did travel to Miami in September 1969 and, I think we went over this yesterday, is it possible that if you had taken the company plane to Miami, that would not necessarily be reflected in your travel records?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Does that mean no, it would not be possible?

Mr. DANNER. It would not be possible that it would not show the mode of transportation, since there were no charges on my part.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Do you remember when you made the payment in Florida? Whether you went there by way of the company plane or by commercial plane?

Mr. DANNER. My best recollection is, I went commercial.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir. Now you also showed a trip on October 26 to 30, 1970. First to Washington, D.C., and then on to Miami, for a conference with Mr. Rebozo and then returned to Las Vegas. Is it possible that, or do you have any recollection, that that payment could have been made as late as October 1970?

Mr. DANNER. I hardly think so because that was so close to the general elections.

Mr. LENZNER. And you are referring now to the congressional elections of 1970 which would have been in November?

Mr. DANNER. That's true.

Mr. LENZNER. Your travel records show no other trips after October 26, so I take it that it certainly wouldn't have been later than October 26 that you would have transmitted the funds to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Hardly.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you tell me, by the way, Mr. Danner, I think when we first talked in Las Vegas you had not, at that time, obtained these travel records, but you were searching for them. Can you tell us where these travel records were?

Mr. DANNER. They were in the warehouse at the Frontier Hotel, and they went through the process of microfilming and as a result of the microfilm, we have got some real problems in locating records.

Mr. LENZNER. Are you saying that some records were microfilmed and then the originals were destroyed, and these copies that you furnished us were made from the microfilm?

Mr. DANNER. That has been the practice.

Mr. LENZNER. And so the original of these records that you furnished us are not in existence and you had to obtain these copies from microfilm?

Mr. DANNER. That's what I'm told, that is the way they produced them.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir; also—returning to some of the discussions we had yesterday, with regard to the trip to upstate New York or the Catskills in May of this year, with Mr. Abplanalp and Mr. Rebozo, do you know what specific city you went to?

Mr. DANNER. No; it is a very small community. It is sort of a summer community. It has an airport, but I don't know what it is near. It wasn't too far north of New York City.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it near Mr. Abplanalp's home?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; he has a lodge there.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you visit a bank on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you ever visited a bank that Mr. Abplanalp is associated with, I think it is called the Hudson Valley Bank?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Were any funds transported on that trip in May of this year?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That you know of?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did any funds pass between you and Mr. Abplanalp for Mr. Rebozo on that date?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you, in this year, furnished Mr. Rebozo—first Mr. Rebozo, with any funds?

Mr. DANNER. 1973?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Or Mr. Abplanalp?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Or anybody acting on Mr. Rebozo's behalf as an agent, designee, or representative?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. So I take it you did not bring with you from Nevada any funds that you furnished Mr. Rebozo, either here or in Miami or some other place?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Danner, you said you furnished no funds to either Mr. Rebozo or Mr. Abplanalp in 1973. Did you furnish them funds in 1971 or 1972?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LACKRITZ. No funds of any kind?

Mr. DANNER. No funds of any kind.

Mr. LENZNER. Also going back to our discussions that we had yesterday, relating to Mr. Gemmill and Mr. Rebozo, I want to clarify the record, in fairness to you, Mr. Danner.

I think I said that there was a meeting that we were aware of in Philadelphia between Mr. Gemmill and Mr. Rebozo. The correct date, as I understand it, is June 19, 1973. I think I said yesterday June 18, and so you will be aware of it and counsel will be aware of it, it is our understanding that the meeting was set up in Philadelphia on June 4, 1973.

Mr. DANNER. I am not familiar with the date, nor was I consulted as to when they were going to meet. The call came from Philadelphia on the date which I take it is in that area.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, do you have any recollection of Mr. Rebozo reaching you in Dayton, Ohio, and asking you to come to Philadelphia?

Mr. DANNER. Yes—no, wait, no. I was in Dayton early in June and I do seem to recall that he did call me there and I believe that was for the purpose of asking if I could meet him in Philadelphia.

Mr. LENZNER. And did he tell you what the purpose of the meeting was to be?

Mr. DANNER. He wanted to discuss the return of the contributions.

Mr. LENZNER. And what was your response to that, sir?

Mr. DANNER. The same as I had told him before, that I didn't feel that I should participate in it because it was not—I was not Mr. Hughes' representative. I felt it should be dealt with through a direct representative of Mr. Hughes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo make a request that you be interviewed by Mr. Gemmill?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, he wanted me to talk to both of them.

Mr. LENZNER. And was that also on that same phone conversation?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall if it was the same one, but it was during this series of conversations. That was the nature of the request.

Mr. LENZNER. Are you saying now there was a series of conversations between you and Mr. Rebozo on the telephone?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Approximately what period of time would that have been?

Mr. DANNER. It would have been in this same time area. He wanted me to come east to meet with him and discuss this matter. This was after the May meeting, and I consistently declined on the grounds that it wasn't my—I didn't feel it was in my province to do it and I then decided that the best way of handling it would be through Chester Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember how many times you talked to Mr. Rebozo on the phone on that subject?

Mr. DANNER. I would say, perhaps, four times, culminating in the final call from Philadelphia where he put Mr. Gemmill on the line and I then told him to get in touch with Chester Davis, apprised of the situation, and he would be available to talk to them.

Mr. LENZNER. Why was it necessary for Mr. Rebozo to call four times? I mean were there different conversations during those four times, or was it basically the same conversation, in substance?

Mr. DANNER. Well he was insisting that I come over there and talk to them and I was equally insistent that I could not or would not. That I wanted this handled through Mr. Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you tell us why? You had seen him in May, at his request, in Washington?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And yet in June, now, you are saying that you decided that you didn't want to discuss this further with Mr. Rebozo, or his counsel?

Mr. FREEDMAN. No. I think he testified yesterday that in the May meeting he said he didn't want to have anything to do with it. Is that correct?

Mr. DANNER. That is correct, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, did Mr. Rebozo indicate why he felt it was so important to continually try to get you to meet with him and Mr. Gemmill?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. He wanted an emissary, a representative to whom they could deliver the money; and I constantly and consistently said it could not be me, that I did not even want to participate in it or discuss it, that I felt it was a matter for Mr. Hughes' personal attorney, namely, Chester Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you operating under any instructions from anybody when you advised Mr. Rebozo of that?

Mr. DANNER. No, not until after I talked to Chester Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. And that was after your talk with Gemmill? You only talked to Gemmill once, right Mr. Danner?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And you talked to Mr. Davis after you talked with Gemmill? I think that's what you said yesterday.

Mr. DANNER. I'm not certain that I talked to Chester before and asked his advice whether he would handle it, or after the call from Gemmill. I rather think I talked to Chester first because I only recall talking to Gemmill on the one occasion at which time I advised him that he should refer the matter to Chester Davis. I am not certain of that. Now, let me think a little—now I think I had two conversations with Gemmill.

Mr. LENZNER. You think you talked telephonically with Gemmill twice?

Mr. DANNER. Twice. The first time I told him I was trying to contact Chester Davis. Whether I mentioned him by name—and I would get back to him and for him to call me back later. And I believe it was on the occasion of the second call from him that I turned him over to Chester Davis.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me?

Mr. LENZNER. Sure.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Both of these calls from Mr. Gemmill were on the same day?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall. I think there probably was a space of a day or two, I am not certain.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Gemmill call you directly the first time?

Mr. DANNER. Well, I think Mr. Rebozo called me and then put him on the line.

Mr. LENZNER. That was on the first call. How about the second call?

Mr. DANNER. The same. Rebozo would call, and the first time he introduced Mr. Gemmill on the phone, and the second time he said Mr. Gemmill wants to talk to you again.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you under instructions from Mr. Davis not to discuss this matter with anybody without their permission?

Mr. DANNER. No, and it wasn't necessarily that. When I did explain the situation to him, he said he would take it over from there and informed me not to concern myself with it any further.

Mr. LENZNER. And was this after Mr. Rebozo's first call? Or can you place this, when you had this conversation with Mr. Davis, in the context of the calls that you had from Mr. Rebozo, starting, I guess, in June of 1973?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, it would have been sometime between the first time I talked to Rebozo and Gemmill and the second call that I talked to Chester. He said he would handle the matter and advised me to stay out of it, that he would take it over and that information I gave to Gemmill on the occasion of the second call.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever tell Gemmill that Davis had instructed you not to speak to anyone without his permission?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall. I seem to recall that I told Rebozo that—whether I said Chester Davis had told me not to discuss it—I think I

told him generally that Mr. Davis had told me generally not to discuss this matter or any of the matters that we discussed, with the press or other attorneys or anyone other than those who were legally entitled to take my testimony.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo ever indicate why there was such a sense of urgency concerning the return of the funds?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall him ever giving any reasons other than he wanted to get it over with.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he discuss with you or make reference to the fact that he had been interviewed by the Internal Revenue Service, or was going to be interviewed by the Internal Revenue Service?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, he had told me that he had been interviewed by the IRS.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you that in the May meeting here in Washington, D.C.?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I think that is, on one occasion he did, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he discuss what he told them?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, that the money had not been used and it was still intact. He showed it to them, the wrappers had been removed, but that it was still the same money and had been kept in his safety deposit box since he received it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he explain why the wrappers had been removed?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, he didn't want them to show a Las Vegas origin.

Mr. LENZNER. And why was that?

Mr. DANNER. Because as he expressed it, the rumors of "skim" money, illegal money, and that it always raised the question as to whether this money was properly obtained, or whether it represented skim.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you, though, what he had told the IRS, what the purpose of the funds were for?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall that he did.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate to you in May of this year, or subsequently on the telephone, that it was his understanding that the money was to be used for the 1972 Presidential campaign?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall ever discussing that with Rebozo, that it was his understanding—that this now was his understanding that this was for the 1972 campaign, no. I was certain of that.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Mr. Danner, you say you don't recall discussing that this was for the 1972 campaign with Rebozo? Is there someone who you do recall discussing that fact?

Mr. DANNER. I discussed it.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. As you say, you don't ever recall discussing it, that it was for the campaign, with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No, it has always been my contention, and my testimony has always been, that this money was intended for the 1970 congressional elections.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Has anyone else indicated to you that it was intended for the 1972 Presidential campaign?

Mr. DANNER. No, not to me. I have so read, but that doesn't alter my version of it.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I may have missed this. You may have responded to this question earlier, but what was the first occasion on which you discussed with Mr. Davis, the donation of \$100,000?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well now, we went through this at great length yesterday, I am sorry you weren't here. I don't see any point in the witness going over it again.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I think the record will show we didn't ask him his first contact with Mr. Davis.

Mr. FREEDMAN. You did.

Mr. LACKRITZ. When was that?

Mr. FREEDMAN. He said it was——

Mr. DANNER. Early in 1971, I related. I told the directors and later discussed the matter in detail with Chester Davis and Bill Gay.

Mr. LACKRITZ. At the banquet hall?

Mr. DANNER. The three directors at the chamber of commerce banquet, yes. And shortly thereafter, I don't believe either—I don't recall Gay nor Davis either was at this banquet—and the next meeting I had with them I told them about this incident.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Thank you, I'm sorry I didn't hear it yesterday.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Danner, do you recall testifying earlier in an interview with Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Lenzner, that you had met Mr. Rebozo in Las Vegas in April of 1973?

Mr. DANNER. April of 1973?

Mr. LACKRITZ. That's right.

Mr. DANNER. Yes, he was out there. I don't know if it was in April, he came through there and spent the night. It was about that time, yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Where did he stay when he was there?

Mr. DANNER. At the Sands.

Mr. LACKRITZ. He stayed at the Sands on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And do you recall if you discussed anything about the \$100,000 contribution with Mr. Rebozo on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't believe the subject matter came up.

Mr. LACKRITZ. The matter did not come up?

Mr. DANNER. No, not that I recall.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And Mr. Rebozo did not inform you on that occasion that he still had the money intact and that it had not been used?

Mr. DANNER. No, my best recollection is the first he told me about this was in May of 1973.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the purpose of Mr. Rebozo's trip in April of this year to Las Vegas, if you know?

Mr. DANNER. Well, he was in San Clemente and just wanted to come up and see a show. It so happened that we had dinner together and then went to a midnight show and both got sick and walked out in the middle of the show. That was the last that I saw of him because I contracted pneumonia and wound up in the hospital.

[Off the record discussion.]

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, was Mr. Rebozo alone on that occasion, or was he with somebody else?

Mr. DANNER. He was alone.

Mr. LENZNER. And, again, did the Sands pay for his expenses and his room?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any discussions with regard to the political contributions with him in April of 1973?

Mr. DANNER. Repeat that?

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any discussions with regard to political contributions in this—during this trip in April of 1973?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall any.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any business discussions with him, in the sense of any discussions with regard to investments or stock purchases?

Mr. DANNER. No. I never discussed anything of that sort, ever, with Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. Then you discussed nothing but social amenities with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. It was just a visit.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he see anybody else, or did you introduce him to anybody else while he was out there in April?

Mr. DANNER. Only people in the hotel—the help.

Mr. LENZNER. But not Mr. Davis or Mr. Gay or anybody like that?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you ever had discussions with Mr. Rebozo when Mr. Davis was present?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. SCHULTZ. For the sake of brevity, and for the purpose of phrasing a question, I would like to summarize a portion of your testimony yesterday. I recognize the problems inherent in doing this, so please correct me if the summation is wrong.

As I understand it, you testified yesterday that you had conversation in 1969 with Mr. Rebozo, wherein he indicated to you that the administration was interested in raising money for the purpose of conducting polls and surveys with regard to the 1970 congressional campaign. I don't believe that we ever finished what happened to this contact and what ultimately resulted from this conversation. Could you clarify that for us?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think it was a double-barreled thing.

Mr. LENZNER. Polling and candidates?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Polling and candidates.

Mr. LENZNER. That is my recollection, I don't think we pursued that particular line. I would appreciate it if you did.

Mr. DANNER. Do you mean what the results were?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Yes, what resulted from this conversation concerning raising money for the purpose of conducting surveys and taking polls?

Mr. DANNER. Well, as I testified, the money was raised. The money was delivered. Now beyond that, I have no information. There was never any discussion of how they used it, if they used it, or who used it.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Well, to whom did you relate your conversation to Mr. Rebozo? To Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. To Mr. Maheu, yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. And then did you handle any of the money in connection with the taking of surveys or polls?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. SCHULTZ. So you have no personal knowledge as to the amount of money, or the disposition of any money, in connection with Mr. Rebozo's request?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Thank you.

Mr. LENZNER. I have one other question which I would like to pin down. When you delivered the money to Mr. Rebozo in San Clemente, did he indicate how he was going to transport that back to Key Biscayne? Or did he indicate he would take it back to Key Biscayne?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall him saying what he was going to do with it, no.

Mr. LENZNER. At some point, I think you testified that he did indicate to you that there was something concerning a safe-deposit box that he kept.

Mr. DANNER. That was on the delivery made in his office. He counted the money on the desk, or laid it out and counted the bundle, excused himself and was gone for several minutes and came back and said, "I've put the money in a safety-deposit box which I keep for these purposes—that is, campaign contributions, as distinguished from the depository I keep for my own personal papers," et cetera.

Mr. LENZNER. So he indicated to you that he had a separate box which he maintained for the specific purpose of political contributions?

Mr. DANNER. That's right.

Mr. LENZNER. We discussed the wrappers yesterday, Mr. Danner. Do your casinos or hotels use any other banks besides—was it the Valley Bank?

Mr. DANNER. We have—I am not too familiar with this—we do have other accounts with other banks, but our principal bank is the Valley Bank of Nevada, and the other banks that are used—I am not certain, I couldn't say whether the Sands uses them or not or whether the general office uses them.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss this contribution with E. Perry Thomas, the president of the Valley Bank?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. He never came and inquired of you?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't ever recall having discussed it with him.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether Mr. Hughes, in this case I will ask the broad question, Hughes, or Hughes Tool Co., made any contributions to Vice President Agnew's campaign for 1972?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. You don't know?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. One further question. When you met with Mr. Abplanalp, at the Madison Hotel, was Mr. Abplanalp's wife with him?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, she was.

Mr. LENZNER. And did she fly with you also?

Mr. DANNER. She did.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else present besides Mr. and Mrs. Abplanalp and Mr. Rebozo and yourself?

Mr. DANNER. No, there was just the four of us. Pilots, of course.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussion during that trip at all about the campaign contribution?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You had met Mr. Abplanalp on prior occasions?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I met him, oh, sometime before. I couldn't guess at the time.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, don't guess.

Mr. LENZNER. Who introduced you to Mr. Abplanalp?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. Where was this?

Mr. DANNER. I think I met him on his island in the Bahamas, Grand Cay, or Walker Cay.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that the occasion when the President was also there?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. That was sometime ago, was it not? In 1968?

Mr. DANNER. No, it would have been later than 1968, I think.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it after the President was President?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I'm sure he was elected by then.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Let's make a distinction. Elected by—there was more than 2 months between the election and the inauguration.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it prior to the time he was inaugurated, but after his election in 1968?

Mr. DANNER. I don't remember. I do remember that while they were there, they were having the general elections in the Bahamas on whatever date that was. I could look it up, but I'm not certain.

Mr. LENZNER. Was there any discussions of campaign contributions during the period of time you were down there?

Mr. DANNER. No, this was just purely a social visit.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any business dealings ever with Mr. Abplanalp?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ever come to Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Danner, when you first received authorization to make the \$100,000 contribution from Mr. Maheu, did Mr. Maheu indicate to you that there were going to be further \$50,000 payments in the future?

Mr. DANNER. No, the sum had been set at \$100,000.

Mr. LACKRITZ. The sum had been set at \$100,000, and there was no indication from Mr. Maheu to you that there would be further payments, past the \$100,000?

Mr. DANNER. Not that I recall.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. Was there any discussion between either yourself and Mr. Rebozo, or between yourself and Mr. Maheu, that would indicate that it might be necessary at a later date to make—or whether necessary, it might have been appropriate to make additional campaign contributions at a later date, but prior to the election of 1972?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Wait a minute.

Mr. ARMSTRONG. I'm not saying it was for that election, but I'm saying prior to the election of 1972.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't understand the question. It's a mixed up question, I think.

Mr. DANNER. Well, if I understand correctly, whether any discussions of any further contributions, over and above the \$100,000, I don't recall any such conversations.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, turning to a different subject, Mr. Danner, did you have any responsibilities in the TWA litigation?

Mr. DANNER. During the latter stages. And by latter, I would say after the district court and the special master had, the special master had made his report and the judge had assessed the damages. There were a number of discussions, meetings with attorneys, and I was asked to sit in on them as an observer, although I had made it clear that I had not and could not read the record. I had no expertise in the antitrust field. Frankly, there was little or nothing I could contribute other than sit and listen.

Mr. LENZNER. Who asked you to participate?

Mr. DANNER. Robert Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. And your travel records reflect that on January 5, 1970, you took a trip to New York City, and the indication next to it is "TWA lawsuit?"

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the purpose of that trip, and who did you meet with?

Mr. DANNER. Maheu and Morgan were meeting with the attorneys of, I believe it was the Donovan, Leisure—is that the name of the law firm?

Mr. LENZNER. Is that Mr. Jim Hayes and Perkins?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall Perkins. They were discussing—the thrust of the entire conversation was the preparation of the appeal, which was then going forward to the court of appeals. And there seemed to be a lot of, quite a variance of ideas as to how it should be handled and what the procedures should be.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, were you asked to take on any particular assignment?

Mr. DANNER. Not at that time.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Excuse me a minute.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LENZNER. This was a meeting, I take it, with Donovan, Leisure representing Hughes Tool, but for strategy session, but the other counsel for the opposing parties were not present, or were they present?

Mr. DANNER. Do you mean TWA attorneys?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes.

Mr. DANNER. No. No, they were not present.

Mr. LENZNER. You say you were given an assignment later. What was that?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Now wait a minute. Aren't we getting into lawyer-client privilege? The reason I didn't object before is I thought that the question indicated counsel for their side was present.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, we don't know what the answer is going to be to that until we get the answer. Let me ask you this. Was your assignment related to advising and counseling as a lawyer for a client with regard to TWA?

Mr. DANNER. No, my role was more that of an observer.

Mr. LENZNER. Well then, can you tell us what was their specific assignment related to your role as an observer?

Mr. DANNER. At some stage in the discussion, as the appeal—and I don't know what stage it was in—I was asked to begin to explore the

possibilities of a negotiated settlement.

Mr. LENZNER. And so you met with opposing counsel?

Mr. DANNER. No. I met with no one from TWA.

Mr. LENZNER. Who did you meet with?

Mr. DANNER. I talked to Rebozo because I knew he was well acquainted with the top people in TWA. TWA was in severe financial straits at that time. This was coming on the heels of the Penn Central collapse, and there was a possibility that this matter could be settled with a negotiated settlement. And I had no personal authority for this statement, but perhaps the tool company could inject some new money into TWA and save it.

Mr. LENZNER. And how did you know Mr. Rebozo was familiar with the TWA leadership?

Mr. DANNER. He had told me.

Mr. LENZNER. This was sometime after you had gotten involved with the TWA matter, that you had discussions with him, and he told you that he knew TWA leadership?

Mr. DANNER. No. I knew from our previous discussions that he knew the principals.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know approximately—well, let me ask you this. Maybe we can shorten this a little bit. On February 3, you took a trip to Miami and Nassau, and it indicates “contact with Rebozo re TWA suit.”

Mr. DANNER. I think that is when we discussed the matter.

Mr. LENZNER. I just wanted to short circuit it. Do you think that is approximately the first time that you discussed it with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I think I had discussed the situation with him or proposed a question, and he had made some inquiry and had indicated he wanted to talk about it further, and we did discuss it. Again, I say I had no idea whatsoever whether Mr. Hughes would agree to a settlement. I had no idea as to what amounts of money they were talking about. But just exploring a possibility.

Mr. LENZNER. Who asked you to explore that?

Mr. DANNER. Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. And do you know who Mr. Rebozo called?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't. I do recall he told me there was a concern in the administration about what was going to happen to TWA.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate who he had discussed that with?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. He didn't disclose the source of that information?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate that the administration would be favorably disposed to a settlement that was coming on the heels, as you say, of the collapse of the Penn Central would prop up TWA?

Mr. DANNER. Well, as I recall, his reaction was that this was a problem. It was recognized, and that if fresh money could be infused into the TWA organization it might save them, because at that time they were going down fast.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with Rebozo the alternative possibilities with regard to the litigation that might assist in propping up TWA?

Mr. DANNER. The alternative?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes, some other ways to handle the strategy in the lawsuit itself?

Mr. DANNER. No. I was not sufficiently familiar with that phase of the activity.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with him at all the possible outcome of the case if it went to the Supreme Court?

Mr. DANNER. No. I don't recall at this time if it had cleared the court of appeals.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall if anybody else was present when you were discussing the TWA lawsuit with Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall. I think it was just the two of us.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss that both in Miami and Nassau?

Mr. DANNER. No. I think the discussion was in Miami.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo go with you to Nassau?

Mr. DANNER. Is that in February?

Mr. LENZNER. Let me show you what has been previously marked exhibit 8.* At the top of the page you will see, Mr. Freedman and Mr. Danner, "February 3-5, to Miami, Fla., Nassau, G.B. Washington, D.C. to Las Vegas, contact with C. G. Rebozo re TWA suit."

Mr. DANNER. Now, what was the question?

Mr. LENZNER. The question was, did Mr. Rebozo go to Nassau with you on that trip?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else on that trip with you?

Mr. DANNER. I think Maheu was on that trip.

Mr. LENZNER. To Miami?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. As I recall, that was a trip—it seems to me there was an astronaut visiting Las Vegas, and we flew to Melbourne, Fla., and stopped and let him off. I believe it was an astronaut and his wife. And then continued on to Miami, and it was raining in Miami, and I had been wanting to see the casino operation on Paradise Island, so I decided to go on down there for dinner and visit with the principals and examine their casino operation. I spent the night, met all of their people, and returned the next day.

Mr. LENZNER. And Mr. Rebozo and Mr. Maheu were with you during that time in Nassau?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. By the way, was Mr. Rebozo on the plane with you from Las Vegas to Melbourne and Miami?

Mr. DANNER. I don't remember whether he accompanied us from Las Vegas or whether we picked him up in Miami. I rather think it was the latter. I'm not certain.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, the pilot, Mr. Wearley, has testified that his recollection is that Mr. Rebozo was on the plane when it departed Las Vegas.

Mr. DANNER. He could have been.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection of what Mr. Rebozo's purpose of his visit in Las Vegas was at that time?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. That is February of 1970.

*See Danner exhibit 8, p. 9655.

Mr. DANNER. No, I have no recollection of that. What immediately precedes that?

Mr. LENZNER. You mean in your travel records?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Well here, why don't you examine January?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't have any recollection of Rebozo having been aboard, and I don't recall what he might have been doing in Las Vegas at the time, other than I show no discussions, or recall having no discussions with him there.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Maheu present when you discussed the TWA lawsuit with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you stay at Britannia Beach at Paradise Island?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, if that is a big high-rise.

Mr. LENZNER. Yes. And you saw Mr. Davis and Mr. Crosby while you were there?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Which Davis is this?

Mr. LENZNER. I think it's Jack Davis. I think it's I. G. Davis.

Mr. DANNER. I remember meeting Crosby. I'm not certain about Jack Davis.

Mr. LENZNER. And did you introduce Mr. Rebozo to Mr. Crosby?

Mr. DANNER. He introduced me to him.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo arrange the accommodations with Mr. Crosby and your trip to Paradise Island?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall who did it. I think it was just a phone call to the hotel, and they weren't busy, and they said come on down, they had plenty of room for us.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any discussions with Mr. Crosby with regard to campaign contributions?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss the TWA litigation with him?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any business discussions with him at all?

Mr. DANNER. Well, other than the casino operation, how they handled their controls, the junkets, and matters of that type—he turned me over to the casino manager and I spent, oh, a couple of hours with him.

Mr. LENZNER. Were your accommodations paid for by Paradise Island?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I think they handled it.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who Mr. Rebozo met with while he was in Paradise Island?

Mr. DANNER. I seem to recall that either Crosby or Davis had a home near the hotel, and they were having a cocktail party, and we went over there and met a number of people at the party, and went back to the hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember the name of the casino manager that you went on a tour with?

Mr. DANNER. I think it was Eddie Cellini.

Mr. LENZNER. C-e-l-l-i-n-i?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I think he was still there at that time.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you see Mr. Golden while you were down there?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Senator ERVIN. I have got to go over and vote, and by the time I get over there and vote it will be almost 12:30. Do you have any idea how much longer Mr. Danner's examination will be?

Mr. LENZNER. A couple of hours.

[Whereupon, at 12 p.m., the committee adjourned to reconvene at 1:45 p.m. the same day.]

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. LENZNER. This is a continuation of the executive session begun this morning, Senator.

Senator TALMADGE [presiding]. The committee will come to order; you may proceed, Mr. Lenzner.

Mr. LENZNER. Counsel has reminded me of one or two questions that I had neglected to ask you, Mr. Danner. First, do you know that the money that Mr. Rebozo returned to Mr. Davis, to Hughes Tool Co., was the same money that you delivered on the two occasions that you already testified to?

Mr. DANNER. I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo ever discuss with you why he failed to turn the funds over to the campaign?

Mr. FREEDMAN. To which campaign?

Mr. LENZNER. Any campaign.

Mr. DANNER. He discussed the manner that he did not use—this was not used in the 1970 congressional election because, as I recall they did not need it. That's about the only explanation he gave me.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember when he might have told you that? Was that in your most recent conversations with him this year?

Mr. DANNER. After he told me in May 1973 that the money had not been used, that is, when he indicated it was just not needed—

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, did he ever cite to you a reason for not utilizing those funds was the disputes that Hughes Tool Co. and Mr. Robert Maheu had in 1970?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall any such discussion. It could possibly have happened, but I have no recollection.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ever inquire of you, after December 1970, as to what he should do with the funds that you had furnished him back prior to that time?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. He never called you and said there is a change of status because of the conflict or dispute?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Thank you very much, Mr. Danner. Now let's go back to where we were. We were discussing before your conversations with Mr. Rebozo with regard to the TWA litigation.

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. First, did Mr. Rebozo ever tell you who the individuals were—I think he used the words "principals of TWA"—that Mr. Rebozo knew?

Mr. DANNER. No; I do not ever recall his naming a person. He had indicated in several conversations that he enjoyed a very close relationship with the TWA people.

Mr. LENZNER. What specifically did you ask him to do with regard to that?

Mr. DANNER. I was asking his advice and support, if possible, in trying to ascertain if there was any area that negotiations to settle this matter might evolve, what would be their reaction to it. Did they have any ideas, in this way. As I told you before, I was working pretty much in the dark. I had no specific instructions or limitation or directions. It was just feel it out and see if there is a way.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ever come back to you with a report and response from TWA?

Mr. DANNER. No; I do not believe he ever did. I do not believe he did.

Mr. LENZNER. Was Mr. Rebozo ever compensated for his efforts with regard to TWA?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have other discussions with Mr. Rebozo in regard to the TWA litigation after that? I think we noted one trip you took, it was noted in your expense records as a conversation with Rebozo with regard to TWA on February 3 through 5, 1970. Did you have other conversations with Mr. Rebozo about TWA?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Senator, I am going to object to this line of questioning; this has nothing to do with the 1972 political campaigns.

Senator TALMADGE. What is the question?

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner testified earlier today that he did have discussions with Mr. Rebozo regarding the Trans World Airlines lawsuit with the Hughes Tool Co. We are trying to ascertain what Mr. Rebozo did on behalf of the Hughes Tool Co. and Mr. Danner with regard to that lawsuit.

Senator TALMADGE. How is it related to the 1972 Presidential campaign?

Mr. LENZNER. For one thing, we want to know if the \$100,000 that Mr. Danner delivered to Mr. Rebozo was related in any way to any efforts by Mr. Rebozo in this area, or in some other areas.

Senator TALMADGE. I think it is relevant under those questions, if the witness will answer the questions.

Mr. LENZNER. If he answers no, we will have that answer.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I still do not understand. You still have not connected it with the—

Mr. LENZNER. The chairman has ruled. The question is, Mr. Danner, did you have discussions with Mr. Rebozo following your trip to Florida on February 3 through 5, 1970, with regard to the TWA lawsuit?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; I had conversations with him on that occasion. I do not recall any subsequent to that. He had told me, I do not know whether it was on that trip to Florida or after that, that there was a deep concern here in Washington about the fate of TWA, financially, as far as any suggestions as to what might be done or any interest in settling the matter. I do not recall that he gave me any further information in that vein.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ask him to make any contact with any member of President Nixon's administration with regard to the TWA lawsuit?

Mr. DANNER. I did not specify anything. I just asked him if he were in a position to feel around and find out if there was any area where anyone in authority would be interested in beginning negotiations to settle this thing.

Mr. LENZNER. When you say "in authority" you meant——

Mr. DANNER. In a position to discuss that and make commitments.

Mr. LENZNER. Does that include officials of the Nixon administration?

Mr. DANNER. No; I had in mind officials of the TWA.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who Mr. Rebozo had received information from with regard to the administration's concern over TWA?

Dr. DANNER. He spoke in general terms.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever speak to the President with regard to the TWA litigation?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. In September 1970, your expense account shows a conference with Jack Schaeffer of FAA. Is that with regard to the TWA litigation?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. What was that with regard to?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If it was no, it was no. What difference does it make to what else was regarded? May we have a ruling Senator?

Senator TALMADGE. What is the question?

Mr. LENZNER. He had a trip to visit with Mr. Jack Schaeffer of the FAA. I am inquiring as to what subject matter that was in regard to.

Senator TALMADGE. What is the objection, counsel?

Mr. FREEDMAN. The witness already answered that it had nothing to do with TWA. What is the relevancy of what the discussion was about?

Senator TALMADGE. What is your response?

Mr. LENZNER. The response is, if it's a subject matter, Mr. Chairman, that we feel is not related directly to or indirectly to our investigation. I will not pursue it. I would like to know what the generic area is. If I feel that it is relevant, I will describe to the chairman and Mr. Freedman why I think it is relevant. If it is not relevant, I will just drop it.

Senator TALMADGE. You want a response to the question?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes.

Senator TALMADGE. You say it is not relevant?

Mr. LENZNER. I do not think Mr. Freedman knows what the answer is.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Since it's not related to TWA, I don't see how it could be relevant to the 1972 Presidential campaign. Besides which, I do not think the TWA litigation has anything to do with the 1972 Presidential campaign. Each step is going farther and farther away, way past right field, in the bleachers some place.

Mr. LENZNER. Frankly, Mr. Freedman, we can find what area it is, and we can drop it if it is not relevant.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Difficulty with that is that you say that all the time, we keep on going on and on.

Mr. LENZNER. That is not true.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Maybe it is not.

Mr. LENZNER. Try it this once and let's see.

Mr. DANNER. What was the date?

Mr. LENZNER. September 1970, it shows a trip to Rehobeth Beach, Del.

Mr. DANNER. Let me say at the beginning, Jack Schaeffer and his wife and my family were very close friends. At that time, this is my best recollection, Air West had had a bomb threat. Robert Maheu felt that this was—the bomb threat was not being properly handled. I do not know why he asked me to go down and talk to Jack Schaeffer and ascertain—he was then FAA Administrator—whether they felt that the Air West people had cooperated fully. The answer was yes.

Mr. LENZNER. I will not pursue this line of inquiry with that answer. Did you ever receive any correspondence from Mr. Rebozo or send correspondence to him with regard to the TWA litigation?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. When were you first asked if you were to have any role or relationship in the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel?

You are referring to some notes that you made?

Mr. DANNER. Are you referring to the expense account there?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes. Which date? Which area?

Mr. DANNER. I think——

Mr. LENZNER. January 1970?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. I am showing the witness what has been previously marked exhibit 8.

Mr. DANNER. Let me tell the story. I'll take you through it then you can go back. As I previously told you, I knew the Attorney General. He knew that I had come to Las Vegas. He knew that I had taken over the Frontier Hotel. It was at about this time that I recall that the task force was being organized and he had called me one day and said he wanted to talk to me about Las Vegas, at the time that I was in Washington to contact him. So I think my first visit with him had to do with whether or not the mob had infiltrated. If I had any indication whether the mob had infiltrated the Hughes hotels.

As a matter of fact, he rather jokingly said, "You cannot tell me that you run that casino. You have nothing to do with the casino. That is handled by outsiders." I invited him, after we had discussed it, to send a task force into the Frontier Hotel. I would be happy to show them our entire setup. Our records, our controls, introduce him to the people, and so on.

He did send a task force up there from Los Angeles. We did show them through the hotel. They expressed complete satisfaction with what they saw. Subsequent to that, I had another visit with the Attorney General, at which time he told me that he had received a report and he was now satisfied that we were in control of the casino and that there was no mob influence.

At about that time, the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel had come up. The Dunes Hotel was for sale. I was asked to talk to the Attorney General and ascertain what the guidelines might be, now or then at that time, relative to whether or not we would be in violation of antitrust, bearing in mind that at a former time, when they were negotiating for the purpose of purchasing the Stardust Hotel, the Justice Department had threatened an antitrust suit if they took it.

He directed me—the Attorney General directed me—after hearing what my problem was, to get him all the figures on hotel rooms in the State of Nevada, and those owned by Mr. Hughes. I got those figures, I had someone compile them on a statewide basis of the number of rooms controlled by Mr. Hughes, and the next time I visited his office, I had, as I recall it, a sheet of paper with lines totaling the total number of hotel rooms, total number of motel rooms, total number of rooms in Hughes' hotels, and any percentage. He took the paper and said, "Let my people look at this and we will let you know." There was some lapse of time, and I got a call from him—"the next time you are in Washington stop by."

I went by his office, I cannot recall whether there was anybody else present, whether he called anyone up to meet with me, but in a very perfunctory manner he said, "From our review of these figures, we see no problem. Why don't you go ahead with the negotiations."

That was about the substance of the entire thing. I might also tell you that through a misunderstanding on the part of Maheu, he had been discussing the Dunes acquisition in the neighborhood of an acquisition price of \$25 million. He had overlooked the fact, apparently, in discussing this with whomever he had been discussing it with, that there was a \$28 million mortgage.

As I recall, the total price was in excess of \$50 million. When that was called to his attention, the deal was dropped immediately. Insofar as getting a ruling, anything in writing in opinion from the Attorney General, it was very informal. The best recollection I had was the final conversation when he said, "I do not see why you do not go ahead. We see no problem here since the Stardust, the Hilton Hotel had been built, some 1,800 or 2,000 rooms, whatever it is, and there had been a couple of other hotels opened, or enlarged, so that the Hughes percentage of hotel rooms had decreased rather substantially." That is all there was to it.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Let me ask the witness. I think you said you were asked to get the total number of rooms owned by Hughes. Was that the total number of rooms in the State of Nevada? Or just in Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. The State of Nevada.

Mr. LENZNER. Just going back for a second, Mr. Danner when did Mr. Mitchell call you and ask you to come to Washington the first time? Do you remember the year?

Mr. FREEDMAN. About the inquiries about the mobs controlling the casinos?

Mr. LENZNER. Correct, that is my understanding of the first visit he had with Mr. Mitchell on the subject after Mr. Mitchell became Attorney General.

Mr. DANNER. To my best recollection, it would have been shortly after my first visit to his office. I could not place when that—when it came about, about the syndicate still operating in Las Vegas.

Mr. LENZNER. You do not remember whether it was in 1969 or 1970?

Mr. DANNER. No; I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. Was it after you moved to Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; it was after I had been at the Frontier Hotel, sometime, not a long time, but sufficiently long to become familiar with the hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. Your travel records show that you made a trip to Washington, you made several trips after you moved to Las Vegas, one in September 1969. Did you come alone, by the way?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall.

Mr. LENZNER. You also made a trip in November 1969 for a White House dinner, does that refresh your recollection whether it was that trip?

Mr. DANNER. In reference to what?

Mr. LENZNER. Whether that trip coincided with your meeting with the Attorney General, your first meeting?

Mr. DANNER. No; that does not recall anything. The dates I show on my expense account were the dates that I visited him in his office. Whether I saw him on other occasions, I do not recall.

Mr. LENZNER. If you look at the January 7 through 10, 1970 expense account, which is exhibit 8 before you, it indicates you went to Washington for a conference at the SEC, then it says Attorney General.

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Is that the day that you saw him with regard to organized crime in Las Vegas?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Let him answer this, then I am going to object to further questioning on this line. This has absolutely nothing to do with the 1972 Presidential campaign.

Senator TALMADGE. What is the relationship, Mr. Lenzner?

Mr. LENZNER. Senator, here we have a relationship with the Department of Justice in 1968, refusing to allow the acquisition by the Hughes Tool Co. of a hotel and a complaint was drafted and signed by the Attorney General to stop that acquisition. Now, in 1970, the Department of Justice, after receiving apparently this piece of paper from Mr. Danner, reversed their prior position as taken in 1968, to give permission to go forward.

Senator TALMADGE. Are you trying to show that the political contribution changed their motivation and the climate in the Department of Justice?

Mr. LENZNER. That is right.

Senator TALMADGE. I think it is relevant under those conditions. The witness is instructed to answer the question.

Mr. DANNER. What was the question?

Mr. LENZNER. The question is, the expense account records that you have in front of you, reflecting a trip to Washington, D.C., to see the Attorney General, was that the trip that you took to talk about organized crime?

Mr. DANNER. I cannot place the exact time. I see here in January I have written down Alfalfa Club dinner, then I crossed it out. I do not know. I did attend an Alfalfa Club dinner. I do recall the Attorney General being there. I do recall talking to him. I do not recall the subject, the conversations having to do with the casinos receipted, and on what dates, I have no way of ascertaining those conversations on the Dunes Hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir, this might help speed this up. If you would also notice that the dates January 7 through 10, 1970, in parentheses next to the words Attorney General, it indicates Dunes Hotel.

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Would that indicate that your discussions about organized crime would have been prior to January 7 through 10?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you say you did come to Washington and did meet with the Attorney General to discuss organized crime in Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. It is my recollection that I did discuss that with him here in Washington.

Mr. LENZNER. By telephonic request by him?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was anybody else present during those discussions?

Mr. DANNER. No; I can't recall anybody else being in the office. These were general discussions. The impression I got was he was badly misinformed on the situation out there and was trying, relying on me I suppose, whether some of these reports that had been circulating were true. A task force, as I said, was beginning to operate. He wanted to get my reaction to it.

Mr. LENZNER. On prior occasions, had you discussed with the Attorney General, with Mr. Mitchell, the fact that you were going to go out to Las Vegas and work for the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall whether I ever made that fact known to him.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know how he learned it?

Mr. DANNER. No; I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether Mr. Rebozo ever spoke to him about that?

Mr. DANNER. I do not know. I do not know how he learned that information.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Danner, did you ever set up any meetings for former Governor Paul Laxalt of Nevada, to meet with the Attorney General?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall any; no.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall setting up meetings with the members of the Nevada Gaming Commission, to meet with the Attorney General, to the best of your recollection?

Mr. DANNER. I do not have any recollection of that.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall, during any of these discussions you had with the Attorney General; do you recall any other people being present at any of those discussions?

Mr. DANNER. I seem to recall, on one occasion when I was in his office, that someone came in—whether it was in connection with that matter we were discussing or another matter, I don't remember—he introduced me to someone. I do not recall.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you recall who that individual was?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you know Mr. Will Wilson from the Justice Department?

Mr. DANNER. Will Wilson? I know who he was.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you know him personally?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you know Mr. Henry Peterson in the Justice Department?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. How about the Deputy Attorney General, at that time, Mr. Kleindienst? Did you know him?

Mr. DANNER. No; I do not think I had met him at that time.

Mr. LACKRITZ. You did not meet Mr. Kleindienst?

Mr. DANNER. No; I do not believe so.

Mr. LENZNER. Who asked you to see the Attorney General in regard to the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. Robert Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. For the specific purpose of whether they would or would not object to the acquisition?

Mr. DANNER. If it were feasible and worthwhile to go ahead in negotiations. I was asked to see what I could find out, what their guidelines would be now, in view of the new hotels that had been built, the increased numbers of rooms, or what criteria they would establish in ascertaining whether or not the sale would be approved.

Mr. LENZNER. The trip on January 7 through 10 was for that specific purpose?

Mr. DANNER. That is my recollection.

Mr. LENZNER. Of 1970?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you, on that occasion, meet with Assistant Attorney General Richard McLaren?

Mr. DANNER. I thought that he had been brought up to the office and I had met him. My recollection is very hazy on that. I knew who he was, I do not know whether I had met him on this occasion or not. I do not recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall telling us—Mr. Armstrong and myself, on August 30, 1973—that Mr. Mitchell arranged for you to meet with Mr. McLaren and there were two such meetings with Mr. McLaren and Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. Yes; but after thinking the matter over in greater detail, I think I was mistaken. My recollection was faulty on that. I do not believe I met with him for this purpose.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you meet with him for any purpose?

Mr. DANNER. I may have just met him, as I say, he may have come by the office. I do not recall any discussion on this problem.

Mr. LENZNER. You said, on August 30, 1973, you said you had a second meeting and at that second meeting you requested Mr. McLaren give you a letter saying that Hughes Tool Co. could acquire the Dunes Hotel. Do you recall telling us that in Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. If I said that, I was mistaken. I never asked for a letter.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall telling us that?

Mr. DANNER. I don't remember.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall telling us that Mr. McLaren told you that would be unnecessary, that the Department of Justice would not file a lawsuit against the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, but after thinking the matter over in more detail, it was my best recollection, and it is now, that the Attorney General was the one who relayed the information to me.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir, have you talked to anybody who would refresh your recollection in anyway with regard to those discussions,

that made you change your testimony from what you told us prior to this time?

Mr. DANNER. No, I had occasion, since I talked to you, to think about this matter a great deal, as I say, try to relate it to other events, and search my memory; and I do recall someone being in his office. Whether it was for the purpose of these discussions or not, I do not remember. I do not now remember who it was who was in there. I may have told you McLaren because he occurred to me—and I'm guessing—that the Attorney General might have said we will refer this to McLaren and get his judgment on the matter.

Senator TALMADGE. May I interrupt at this point? I see there is a vote on the floor of the Senate. How much more interrogation do you have?

Mr. LENZNER. Senator, I cannot anticipate the length. We have a number of other items to cover. We have had trouble getting a Senator today. We ended at 12:15. We really did not get started again until we were able to obtain your courtesy.

Senator TALMADGE. I do not know what the program is for the rest of the day on the Senate floor, or when I will have to leave here. Do you think you might run at some length, sir?

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner has been here for 2 days. I wanted to try to finish him up today.

Senator TALMADGE. I will go and vote and come right back and see what the situation is in the Senate. I can meet with you beginning at 8 o'clock in the morning and run for about an hour at that time.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner is going to try to get an airplane back tomorrow. We should see if we could finish it up tonight.

[A brief recess was taken.]

Mr. LENZNER. Can we—Mr. Danner, would you note for the record that you have no objection to continuing while your counsel is outside the room?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, do you recall on your first trip to Washington—was it that trip that Mr. Mitchell told you to go back and bring statistics?

Mr. DANNER. It was our first discussion relative to the Dunes that he asked me to prepare these statistics.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate any familiarity with the prior Stardust problems?

Mr. DANNER. No. I told him about that, about what the problem had been.

Mr. LENZNER. What response did he have at that time?

Mr. DANNER. I told him that there had been new hotels built, there had been a substantial number of rooms added to the inventory, in the State, that I was not familiar with the previous decision whether they based it on Clark County alone or the State. That is when he said, "let's get the figures together, bring them back, and let's take a look at them."

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate that there was anything else that you could get for him?

Mr. DANNER. Just the figures.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate any probability of any kind of ruling on your first visit?

Mr. DANNER. No. Regardless of what I may have indicated to you before, I was not seeking a ruling in the sense that they would give us a written report. It was just more or less, what are the guidelines, what are the percentages established beyond which you could be held in violation of antitrust, more along that line. As I say, it was very informal.

Mr. LENZNER. On that same occasion your expense records show that you entertained Commissioner Herlong of the SEC and Mr. Webb. Was that in reference to the Dunes acquisition?

Mr. DANNER. No. My recollection of that, that was the golf game. Herlong, I might tell you, is a friend of some 30 years of mine. Our families live in the same county in Florida. I used to see a lot of him. He was formerly in Congress, as you know.

Mr. LENZNER. You had no conversations with Mr. Herlong or Mr. Webb about the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. I do think I asked Mr. Herlong what was the problem with the stock of the Dunes Hotel. I understood that it was suspended. He told me that he was not too familiar with it himself. It was very involved, very complicated. That was all he knew about it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever get a later report from him on the Dunes stock?

Mr. DANNER. I did not pursue it any further, because it was an area that I was totally ignorant. I felt that somebody familiar with SEC would have to become involved.

Mr. LENZNER. Were there any discussions with regard to any relationship to organized crime elements in the Dunes Hotel with Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not recall.

Mr. LENZNER. His primary concern was whether the statistics had changed since the prior administration had ruled on the Stardust?

Mr. DANNER. Having to do with the rooms, yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate, in your first meeting, a determination to use a statewide rather than a Clark County or a strip statistical basis for decision?

Mr. DANNER. He told me to get the figures on the entire State. I told you a few minutes ago, I do not know whether his previous ruling had been based on Clark County. I do not think that is possible. I think he would have to consider the whole State. I do not know.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Mitchell, I take it, did not know what the basis for the prior ruling was on the Stardust?

Mr. DANNER. He did not indicate.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate that he would make a determination, based on statewide statistics, rather than Clark County statistics in your first meeting?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall the subject coming up that way. I interjected the fact that I did not know how it had been determined. I did tell him that the new hotels had been built and were in operation, that the acquisition of the Landmark had been an exception to the rule because it was a fading business. That is about the size of it. He did not lay down any guidelines other than say, "Give me the figures and we will take a look at them."

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with Mr. Rebozo the Dunes acquisitions?

Mr. DANNER. I do not think so. No, I have no recollection of discussing it with him.

Mr. LENZNER. At no time?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he know that you were seeing Mr. Mitchell in January of 1970?

Mr. DANNER. I do not know. I did not tell him.

Mr. LENZNER. Your expense records also show that on January 22 to 25, 1970, you took a trip to Washington, D.C. Then it shows "Attorney General, Dunes Hotel". Would that reflect your second meeting with the Attorney General with regard to the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. What was that date?

Mr. LENZNER. January 22 to 25.

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. It shows "Ed Morgan, attorney." Was Mr. Morgan with you on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you tell us the substance of the conversation you had with Mr. Mitchell on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall. This was a continuing conversation; first as to what were the guidelines; second, go out and get the figures; third, deliver the figures. Then there was, it seemed to me, quite a delay. Then finally he said, "The next time you are in, stop by the office." That is the time, I recall, that he told me that they could see no objection.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember approximately when he told you that they had no objection?

Mr. DANNER. I would imagine it was probably the March date, which was the last visit I show to his office.

Mr. LENZNER. You are referring to March 18 through 21 of 1970?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember who you asked to obtain the statistics for you?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. It was Al Benedict, who was then assistant to Bob Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. Your recollection is that he brought back a one-sheet piece of paper which showed a breakdown of all the hotels in the State of Nevada and the rooms available?

Senator TALMADGE. This is another vote. I will have to go to the floor.

Mr. DANNER. Total number of rooms.

Mr. LENZNER. Did it also include the hotel, the Hughes hotel?

Mr. DANNER. They would be included. Then there was another total of Hughes rooms, Hughes hotel rooms expressed as a percentage of the total.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Let's wait until the Senator comes back.

[A brief recess was taken.]

Senator TALMADGE. You may proceed now.

Mr. LENZNER. It is your recollection that Mr. Benedict had prepared the sheet of paper which you then took to the Attorney General on February 3 through 5, 1970?

I am sorry. It was February 23 through the 26, 1970.

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall the exact date that I took that report in. It was following the preparation that I delivered it to the Attorney General.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know what your purpose was for your second visit with the Attorney General on February 23 through 26, 1970?

Mr. DANNER. No. My best recollection is this was all in connection with the Dunes Hotel.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir. Do you have any recollection of what Mr. Mitchell's response was when you handed him the sheet of paper with the statistics on it?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I think he already testified to that.

Mr. DANNER. He said, we will let the boys look this over and give you an answer later.

Mr. LENZNER. I think you also already testified that you recall it was on your March 18 trip, 1970, that he indicated that it was OK to go ahead. Did he call you and set that meeting up?

Mr. DANNER. I was calling him. As I recall, I would call him and ask him if there had been any decision made. I say this was the last contact I show with him, that this was the date he gave me word that he saw no objection to it, that it met the guidelines and whatever.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he show you any documents reflecting an analysis by the Department of Justice?

Mr. DANNER. Not that I recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall anybody else being present at the time that he told you that they had no objection?

Mr. DANNER. I just do not remember whether there was or not.

Mr. LENZNER. After Attorney General Mitchell advised you of that, did you notify anybody immediately after that as to the fact that you had received approval to go ahead on the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. I recall I told Morgan. I told Maheu, as far as Justice was concerned, they did not think that there was any violation.

Mr. LENZNER. What was their reaction?

Mr. DANNER. To proceed. About that time the error in the price came up.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he say at that time, shortly after?

Mr. DANNER. Shortly after the word came from the Attorney General that they saw no objection, I immediately reported to Morgan and Maheu. I recall we were in Maheu's office in Las Vegas. That is when the question came up as to price. That is when Maheu discovered that he had been in error. That ended it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you contact them by telephone directly from Washington after you talked to Attorney General Mitchell, and tell them that the Attorney General had given you approval?

Mr. DANNER. I do not know whether I called them from here or went back and reported.

Mr. LENZNER. Were negotiations going on simultaneously during this time, or did they not start after Mr. Mitchell had advised you that the Department had no objection?

Mr. DANNER. There had been some negotiations. They had some figures, they had some statements. They had not gone deeply into the matter, I do not think, at that time.

Mr. LENZNER. When you say "they," who are you referring to?

Mr. DANNER. Maheu and Morgan.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who they were negotiating with?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. When the Attorney General gave you approval, did he tell you what the basis of the approval was?

Mr. DANNER. "We could see no objection," words to that effect. It was very informal.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he tell you that the Department had determined to base the analysis upon statewide statistics, rather than Clark County statistics?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did they tell you that they determined to base it on any relationship or information they had with regard to organized crime?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or the ownership, owner, present owners of the Dunes Hotel at that time?

Mr. DANNER. There was no discussion along that line.

Mr. LENZNER. At any time?

Mr. DANNER. None that I recall.

Mr. LENZNER. With Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Your records also show that after you met with Mr. Mitchell, March 18 to the 21st, you went to Miami and had contact with Rebozo.

Do you recall the purpose of that trip? This is the same March 18 to the 21st period.

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not know what the purpose of that trip would have been.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection of discussing with Mr. Rebozo the fact that Mr. Mitchell had just given authorization to go ahead with the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall discussing the Dunes acquisition with Rebozo.

Mr. LENZNER. I am suggesting you just went to Washington, went down to Miami, saw Rebozo. It was freshly in mind. Would you have mentioned it?

Mr. DANNER. I could not say I mentioned it to him. I do not recall any discussion.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Schultz?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Prior to your conversation with Mr. Mitchell the first time prior to the acquisition, were you knowledgeable as to the criteria that was used as the guideline in the 1968 Stardust acquisition?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you go to Mr. Mitchell for the purpose of seeking a change in the criteria or guidelines?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you ever see in writing any criteria or guidelines with acquisition of hotels?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you seek any special treatment on behalf of the Hughes organization in regard to the possible acquisition of the Dunes?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was there any promise to you in return for consideration, and specifically a campaign contribution of any sort?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was this matter discussed?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Was there any conversation with regard to the Presidential campaign of 1972 with Attorney General Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Did you subsequently have any discussions with Attorney General Mitchell about political contributions in the campaign of 1972 in the discussions relating to the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Is it your testimony that the fact that the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel was entirely because of the price involved and the situation of the Dunes Hotel itself, as opposed to any statement or judgment given to you by the Justice Department, specifically by the Attorney General?

About the falling through of the sale of the Dunes to the Hughes organization was because of the price and the financial condition of the Dunes, rather than any judgment or specific statement about the possibility of an antitrust problem?

Mr. DANNER. No; the whole thing turned on that revelation or the discovery that Maheu had been presented a deal as a \$25 million deal, and discovered belatedly that it was something in excess of \$50 million.

Mr. SCHULTZ. My question was poorly phrased.

Was it the opinion of the Attorney General with regard to the possibility of antitrust problem being apparent as an integral part of your negotiations with the Dunes?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. In connection with the phone records that you furnished to the committee, did you review these records prior to bringing them to Washington?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Prior to bringing these records to Washington, did you review the telephone records?

Mr. DANNER. No, I did not.

Mr. FREEDMAN. He obviously saw them.

Mr. SCHULTZ. I know he saw them. I asked him if he reviewed them.

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. SCHULTZ. You did not.

Do you know that these telephone records reflect conversations that on each and every occasion were made by you.

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Is there any possibility, no matter what the duration of the call indicated on these records, that you yourself did not talk on the calls indicated?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You mean someone else made the call?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, there is a possibility.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Who else has access to your telephone?

Mr. LENZNER. Or had access?

Mr. SCHULTZ. Had.

Mr. DANNER. My secretaries, the security people that had access to to office during weekends, off-hours, nighttime, any number of people.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Have you ever had a message in your office during the period that we have been discussing, 1969 through the present time, will you return a call to Mr. Rebozo in response to a call that he had placed to you when you were not there?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Do you know whether or not Mr. Rebozo called you person to person or station to station?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not know.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Would you say you returned several calls from Mr. Rebozo? In other words, you were not present when he called, and returned his call—would that have been infrequent?

Mr. DANNER. No; I recall that happened rather frequently because of my movements around town, inaccessibility, and I would have to return the call.

Mr. SCHULTZ. When you placed telephone calls—we will be specific—to Mr. Rebozo, would you place them person to person or would you place them station to station?

Mr. DANNER. Usually station to station as I recall.

Mr. SCHULTZ. Even if there was a phone call in this record that you provided to the committee of 1 minute, or 2, maybe even 15 minutes, is it possible that you talked to somebody in Mr. Rebozo's offices, rather than Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, that is possible.

Mr. SCHULTZ. The other day you were asked a specific question, whether you had talked to Mr. Rebozo four times in the same day.

Do you have specific recollection of talking to Mr. Rebozo in Miami from Las Vegas four times in one day?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not recall any specific time that happened.

Mr. SCHULTZ. No further questions.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Danner, you mentioned that your secretaries often take your messages and took your calls for you.

Do you recall the names of your secretaries?

Mr. DANNER. The first one was a girl named Maggie Sullivan. She was followed by a girl named Anita Hilliard, who has since been married. I think both of them have left now.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Do you know the present location of Maggie Sullivan?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not. Both of them have left town, I am sure.

A girl named Sandra Scott—

Mr. LACKRITZ. Where is she presently located?

Mr. DANNER. She was a secretary at the Desert Inn the 2½ months that I was there.

And the two secretaries which I now have, Diane Radunz and Elaine Welling.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you have a large staff during the period of time?

Mr. DANNER. What was that?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you have an administrative assistant, or did you have anyone that you directed to do certain jobs for you?

Mr. DANNER. I have an assistant general manager.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Who was that?

Mr. DANNER. Merle Coombs.

Mr. LACKRITZ. How long has Mr. Coombs been with you?

Mr. DANNER. He was at the Sands when I went there.

Senator TALMADGE. I have another vote.

[A brief recess was taken.]

Senator TALMADGE. You may proceed, gentlemen.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any objection to proceeding without your counsel?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, have you talked with Mr. Mitchell concerning your meetings with regard to the Dunes Hotel in the last several months?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you talked to any of Mr. Mitchell's attorneys or representatives?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. How about Mr. McClaren?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you had conversations with anybody with regard to these discussions, except for the interview that we had with you on August 30, 1973?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Let me correct that. These questions were asked of me by the SEC attorney, as I recall, when he took my deposition. They were also asked of me by Maheu's attorney when he was taking my deposition.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that Mr. Turner of the SEC?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that before or after the interview?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall.

Mr. LENZNER. We interviewed you on August 30 of this year.

Mr. DANNER. Somewhere I have the depositions here. I could give you the date.

I was interviewed by Turner on August 4, 1973, and again on October 5, 1973.

Mr. LENZNER. On the October 5, 1973, interview, did you advise Mr. Turner as to whether you had met with Mr. McClaren or not?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Can you furnish that information to us later without going through the record at this time?

Would you have any objection to furnishing us a copy of that interview?

Mr. DANNER. If the attorney has no objection.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir. Let me move on so we can continue.

Did you prepare any memorandums reflecting your conversations with Mr. Mitchell with regard to the Dunes acquisition?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not believe I did.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever go to the SEC to discuss with them the purchase of the Dunes Hotel, and how it might be purchased?

Mr. DANNER. I am trying to recall that notation I have there, whether that was in connection about inquiring about the status of the stock. I have no way of refreshing my recollection what there was about it.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have a recollection, aside from your meeting with Mr. Herlong at the golf course, did you ever go to the SEC itself and make inquiry there about the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not think so.

Mr. LENZNER. Your travel records also show that on your trip on February 3 through 5, 1970, you had contact with Mr. Rebozo on Air West matters. Can you describe what that related to?

Mr. DANNER. I have studied that a great deal and thought about it. I think that came up in connection with the discussion previously which we talked about the situation of TWA, the possibility that there might be a negotiated settlement. I knew very little about either of these matters. I knew more about TWA than I did about Air West. If Hughes Tool Co. had to pay off the judgment, certainly that would have a dire effect on their acquisition of Air West, because I knew enough about Air West, as with most regional carriers, that they were in severe financial troubles. Air West particularly needed a lot of money.

I think that is where the conversation came up. I was personally—I do not know whether you are interested in my opinion or anyone else's—I can see no earthly reason for going to buy Air West.

Mr. LENZNER. Did anybody ask you to talk to Mr. Rebozo about Air West?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Specifically what did you discuss with Mr. Rebozo regarding Air West?

Mr. DANNER. Just as I told you. It seemed to me that trying to acquire an airline in as bad a shape as Air West, together with the possibility of having to pay off a \$150 million judgment, was going to present some serious financial problems to the Hughes Tool Co.

Mr. LENZNER. You were seeking judgment through Mr. Rebozo in this regard?

Mr. DANNER. That is one of the reasons I think I gave him, to see if there was an area or a way to maybe settle the suit with TWA and thereby save money.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you seeking some judgment, some business judgment, as to whether it was advisable or not advisable to purchase Air West?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not think that was in the discussion. It was, how on Earth could he finance the judgment and the rebuilding of Air West.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Are you talking about the judgment that had been entered by the district court?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. \$166 million?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. I think that is where Air West came into the discussion.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ask Mr. Rebozo to do anything with regard to Air West?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo receive any compensation with regard to Air West?

Mr. DANNER. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever inquire of Mr. Rebozo in the same context whether he thought that the same organization, with the TWA problem, considering the Air West purchase, also was considering the Dunes purchase? Was that also discussed in the same context?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't understand your question.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner says that the Air West acquisition was brought up in the context of the fact that there may be a substantial outlay on the TWA case. Air West was going to be an additional outlay. I take it if the Dunes negotiation was successful that would have been another outlay of money. Did you discuss that?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall that entering into the discussion.

Mr. LENZNER. I want to go back briefly to May 1970.

Do you have a recollection in May of 1970, of negotiations for the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Haven't we covered the Dunes Hotel?

Mr. LENZNER. If you would let me make this judgment I would appreciate it.

Do you have a recollection of being advised that the acquisition of the Dunes Hotel in May of 1970 was about to be consummated?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection that in fact a letter was sent to Judge Metzner in New York, who was hearing the TWA case, advising him of the fact that the Dunes Hotel was about to be acquired?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You never heard of that?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. What judge?

Mr. LENZNER. Judge Metzner, is that not correct?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't know.

Mr. DANNER. I would not know anything about that.

Mr. FREEDMAN. The Dunes Hotel acquisition was about to be consummated?

Mr. DANNER. My recollection is the thing blew up. The whole thing blew up shortly after, with my conversations with the Attorney General.

Mr. LENZNER. That would have been March 1970?

Mr. DANNER. Shortly after the—

Mr. LENZNER. Certainly before May of 1970.

Mr. DANNER. Was there such a letter written?

Mr. LENZNER. What I'm asking you now, Mr. Danner, is were you advised by somebody that the negotiations had blown up over this mortgage problem sometime prior to May of 1970?

Mr. DANNER. Whatever the date was when I was present at a meeting between Maheu and Morgan.

Mr. LENZNER. Shortly after Mr. Mitchell told you in March of 1970?

Mr. DANNER. It seems to me that came about very shortly after, when they discovered the mistake they were making as to the price. That stopped it.

Mr. LENZNER. Shortly—you are talking about a couple of weeks, not a couple of months?

Mr. DANNER. I would not attempt to say that.

Mr. LENZNER. When you say "shortly"—

Mr. DANNER. It seems to me it was within a matter of a few weeks, 2 or 3 weeks.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Senator, they are talking about a letter. The witness does not know anything about a letter. I think, in fairness to the witness, if they have such a letter they should show it.

Senator TALMADGE. Repeat the question.

Mr. LENZNER. I asked the witness, Senator, whether he was aware that a letter had been prepared and sent to a Judge Metzner in New York of the Federal District Court in the Southern District of New York, advising Judge Metzner in May of 1970, that the Dunes Hotel was about to be acquired by the Hughes Tool Co. And Mr. Danner responded that he had not heard of and was not aware of such a letter.

In view of that fact, I see no need to go further into that line of inquiry. I do not believe it would refresh his recollection if he never saw or heard of it.

Mr. FREEDMAN. All right.

Mr. LENZNER. Prior to your return, we understand, Mr. Danner, that he had been deposed by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Do you have any objection for us to receive a copy of that deposition?

Mr. DANNER. The question was with whom I had discussed the Dunes acquisition, whether that had come out during the taking of these depositions. I did not recall. I thought maybe you could glance through it and see if it's mentioned in there. He asked me a lot of questions. I don't remember whether he got to the Dunes.

Mr. LENZNER. The one way we could solve it is that we could get a copy of that if you have no objection.

Mr. FREEDMAN. My understanding of the procedure before the Securities and Exchange Commission is, they gave us, pursuant to my request of a copy of the transcript of the witnesses that testified before the SEC with respect to their investigation concerning the Air West acquisition. My understanding is we are not supposed to divulge that to anyone.

Mr. DANNER. The largest one has not been corrected by me as yet.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Just a minute.

Mr. LENZNER. Why do we not hold that, Mr. Freedman?

While Senator Talmadge is here I'd like to go ahead and pursue some questions?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Go ahead.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner who asked you to discuss atomic energy tests in the State of Nevada with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Maheu.

Mr. LENZNER. Anybody else?

Mr. DANNER. No. I think he is the only one I discussed that with.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you write Mr. Rebozo concerning this on any occasion?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I think this is the matter in which I did it.

Mr. LENZNER. The witness is handing over, Senator, a copy of a letter from Mr. Danner to Mr. Rebozo, dated March 17, 1970, and I would like to have that marked as an exhibit for today's session if we may.

Senator TALMADGE. Any objection, Counselor?

Mr. FREEDMAN. I would like to look at it, Senator.

Do you have another copy of that?

Mr. LENZNER. We could make a copy.

While Mr. Freedman's looking at that, may I ask whether you have copies of any other correspondence to and from Mr. Rebozo in your possession or custody?

Mr. DANNER. On this subject?

Mr. LENZNER. On any subject.

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I have another one.

Mr. LENZNER. Anything else to and from Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. In accordance with the subpoena those were the only communications that had any relation whatsoever to the subpoena. I do have other correspondence, but it is purely personal in nature.

Mr. LENZNER. When you were asked here, we agreed that you were going to give us the personal correspondence file and let us look at it. Did you bring that with you today?

Mr. DANNER. My personal correspondence?

Mr. LENZNER. You said you had some personal correspondence files relating to Mr. Rebozo that you would let us look at.

Mr. DANNER. Anything having to do with the 1972 campaign. I do not recall turning over files that in no way relate to any campaign.

Mr. LENZNER. Or relate to any of the discussions we had here today?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Senator TALMADGE. Any objection to the identification?

Mr. FREEDMAN. No.

Senator TALMADGE. They will be made a part of the record.

[Whereupon, the documents referred to were marked Danner exhibits Nos. 14 and 15 for identification.*]

Mr. LENZNER. Looking at the first letter, it says here: "I attach a five page memorandum and a two page digest."

Do you have copies of those?

Mr. DANNER. No, I could not locate those.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you talk to Mr. Rebozo on a number of occasions about AEC testing in Nevada?

Mr. DANNER. If you will read the letter you will see I know nothing about it.

Senator TALMADGE. If I may interrupt at this point—they expect a final vote in about 6 minutes. I have got another appointment subsequent to that, and I will have to leave here when I go over to the Senate floor to vote. I will not be able to be present thereafter. I can meet with you in the morning if you wish me to do so, but not later this evening.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I want to say for the record that Mr. Danner is attempting to get a plane at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. DANNER. Out of Baltimore.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I want to advise everyone that he is going to make that plane. Otherwise, there is no certainty he will ever get back home in Las Vegas. We have been very patient, Senator. We have been waiting around to obtain the proper meeting of the committee for the purpose of this executive session. I do not think we ought to impose on this witness anymore beyond today or time tomorrow, so that he would not be able to make that plane.

*See pp. 9674, 9675.

Senator TALMADGE. Would you like to comment, Mr. Lenzner?

Mr. LENZNER. Senator, it is true that we have not had a full day of interviewing Mr. Danner because the Senators have been busy and occupied with the regular duties in the Senate. On the other hand, I am not aware of any other witnesses that have come before this committee to my knowledge that has ever asked to have a Senator present during the entire interview. I know it is inconvenient to Mr. Danner. On the other hand, we are trying to conduct an investigation to determine whether the Senate committee should hold hearings in a particular area, and what witnesses they should call. I don't know how else to do this.

Senator TALMADGE. I am duly sympathetic in trying to accommodate.

Mr. Danner, if you will waive the Senator being present, we could wrap it tonight.

Mr. LENZNER. We could have wrapped it up yesterday if they had done that.

Mr. FREEDMAN. That is very kind of everyone, but I am under instructions that during Mr. Danner's testimony that a proper meeting of the committee for an executive session must be held.

Senator TALMADGE. Under those conditions, I do not see how it is going to be permissible to accommodate Mr. Danner and get him to a plane tomorrow morning, because Senators have other responsibilities in addition to presiding at an executive hearing.

Mr. DANNER. May I ask this?

There are rumors of a pilot strike that is imminent, and I have been cautioned that if I do not get out of here I might spend the rest of the year in Washington.

Could I come back after the first of the year?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Wait a minute. I do not think we ought to make any comments. It is my understanding that Mr. Davis, under the present schedule, will be arriving here in Washington this evening. I would like to talk to Mr. Davis about what he wishes to do about this situation.

Mr. LENZNER. Senator, frankly, we will be glad to accommodate Mr. Danner. We have made some progress today. I would like to continue the interview, frankly, as soon as we can. We could accommodate him to make sure that he gets out. In fact, since we cannot get a commitment on that, I would suggest at this point that we adjourn until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock if that is not inconvenient or will press upon your schedule.

Senator TALMADGE. I can preside for about an hour, from about 8 to 9. Thereafter, I have to go to other committee meetings and conference committee meetings. So if you could line up some other Senator—

Mr. LENZNER. We could try to line them up or try to finish.

Senator TALMADGE. I would like to accommodate you, Mr. Danner. But I have this other engagement of long standing this evening.

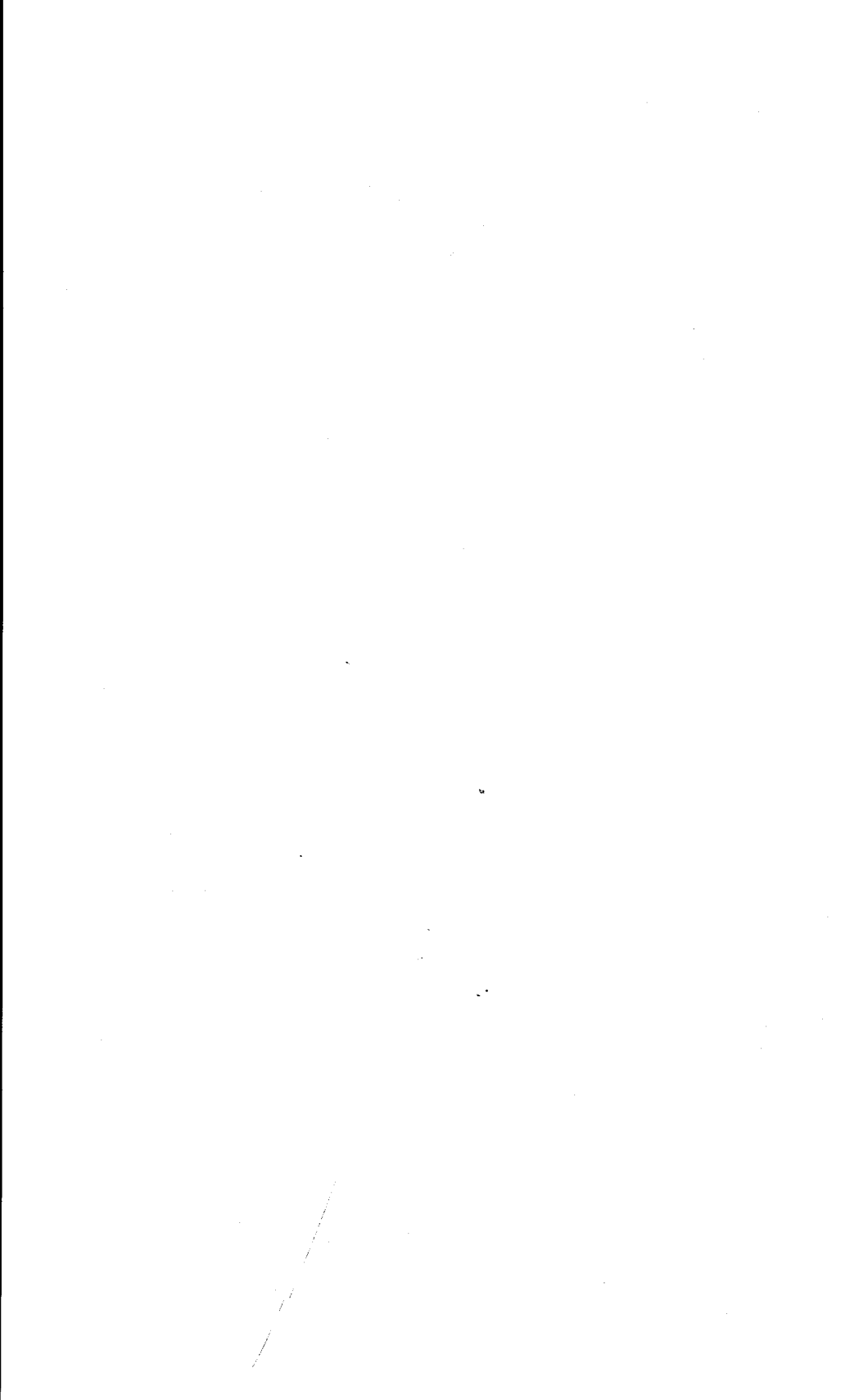
Mr. LENZNER. Thank you, Senator.

Senator TALMADGE. Thank you.

Mr. DANNER. Do you think we could finish? I could be packed and have everything.

Senator TALMADGE. I can be here at 7:30.

[Whereupon, at 6:30 p.m., the committee adjourned, to reconvene at 7:30 a.m. on December 20, 1973.]



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1973

U.S. SENATE,
SELECT COMMITTEE ON
PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES,
Washington, D.C.

The Select Committee met, pursuant to notice, at 7:35 a.m., in room 109, Russell Senate Office Building.

Present: Senator Talmadge.

Also present: Terry Lenzner, assistant chief counsel; Marc Lackritz, assistant majority counsel; Richard Schultz, assistant minority counsel; Scott Armstrong, investigator; Ms. Emily Sheketoff, research assistant.

Senator TALMADGE. You have already been sworn, so you may proceed.

Mr. LACKRITZ. This is a continuation of the executive session from yesterday afternoon.

First of all, I would like the record to show that we are returning copies of the two exhibits turned over to the committee by Mr. Danner.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Thank you very much.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Now, Mr. Danner, yesterday afternoon we concluded the executive session by discussing the substance of your meetings with the former Attorney General, Mr. Mitchell. As I recall, counsel pointed out that earlier we talked to the committee staff, you noted that, quite possibly, you had spoken to Mr. McLaren; thinking about it overnight, has there been any refreshing of your recollection, any other details that you recall that you can relate now?

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Mr. DANNER. No, I couldn't identify Mr. McLaren. I knew who he was. The name was suggested, as I recall, during the interview, and I said I thought that who was there, I am not certain, but I do recall that one or two persons did visit his office during this—probably the final interview on this matter.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. You do not recall the names of those individuals who attended the meeting?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Turning to the exhibit marked exhibit 14* you turned over to the committee yesterday, you described there was a five-page memorandum and a two-page digest of the same memorandum that you have attached to this letter that you sent to Mr. Rebozo.

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And you said you could not locate those items in your files; is that correct?

*See Danner exhibit No. 14, p. 9674.

Mr. DANNER. That is correct. I don't know the five-page memo, and the digest, I can only conclude that I sent that along and did not keep copies. I found this letter and could find no further documents.

Mr. LACKRITZ. All right. Why were you sending this to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I think the letter is self-explanatory. This apparently was a summary of what had been going on. This was what had roused up my fears and curiosity, and I thought that perhaps Mr. Rebozo could reply or get someone with the scientific knowledge to reply to that and either allay my fears or give me reasons why it had to continue.

Mr. LACKRITZ. When you say you sincerely appreciate having a scientific explanation, do you mean someone from the private sector or someone in the Government sector from the Atomic Energy Commission?

Mr. DANNER. Perhaps in Government, someone who really knew what was going on there, and I thought that some who was conducting these tests, or was responsible for them, had probably considered all of these factors and had answers for them. But I wanted to know for certain.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Who requested that you send this letter and the memorandum to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall whether I was directed to do this or took it upon my own self.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Were you involved in trying to stop the atomic tests within the Hughes organization?

Mr. DANNER. Not as a campaign, but I think—I don't know if I told you in the meeting yesterday, but I was there when one was set off, that it was some 125 miles from Las Vegas and it shook the building perceptibly, it was sort of violent, and it splashed water out of the pool, the palm trees looked like they were in a hurricane and it looked to me like damage could ensue. I didn't know.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Was there a great concern within the Hughes organization to stop these tests?

Mr. DANNER. A great concern. A great number of people in Nevada have felt the effects of these tests.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Who within the Hughes organization had primary responsibility for getting them stopped, to the best of your recollection.

Mr. DANNER. I think various people had been working on it, Maheu principally, Mr. Robert Maheu principally seemed to be directing the activities.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Was it your intention, in forwarding the materials to Mr. Rebozo, to have them in turn passed on to individuals within the Government so they could have the benefit of this scientific advice?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I thought he would be in a position to put them into the hands of the proper people, and if they so wanted, they could respond to whatever was in that memorandum.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Well, did you have any conversation with Mr. Rebozo where you actually directed him to forward these materials?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Senator, we're getting on something that is so far-fetched from the 1972 Presidential campaign that obviously—we have been sitting here very, very patiently and we have gone on to the ques-

tion of efforts to persuade the Government to stop bomb testing in Nevada.

Senator TALMADGE. What is the question?

Mr. LACKRITZ. The question was concerning the plan by the Hughes organization to try and stop the atomic tests in Nevada.

Senator TALMADGE. What is the relation to the Presidential campaign, the 1972 Presidential campaign?

Mr. LACKRITZ. There is a possible relationship, Senator. All we are trying to determine is whether there might be some relationship between the money that was forwarded to Mr. Rebozo. That is the subject of this inquiry, and the fact that the atomic tests were stopped out in Nevada.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't know whether the atomic tests were stopped. The only thing I had to go on was wholly what I read in the newspaper, and I read that it was not stopped, but in any event, we are talking about a date of March 3, 1970, and I don't see how this can have any possible relationship by any stretch of the imagination.

We have gone over these kinds of things time and time again where they have no way of connecting it up with the 1972 Presidential campaign. They are going on a complete fishing expedition to see whether, by some wide stretch of causal—seven times removed, they can tie it in. This is pure—

Senator TALMADGE. If you can have it tied in, it would be relevant. Otherwise it would be irrelevant, and I think I will permit you to go on for the time being and if it is irrelevant, we can strike it from the record.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Thank you, Senator.

Senator TALMADGE. You may proceed.

Mr. LENZNER. I understand for the record that this question was directed to a conversation Mr. Danner had with Mr. Rebozo concerning the agency tests, and Mr. Rebozo was the recipient of the \$100,000 that Mr. Danner transmitted, and he has testified about that. This deals directly with Rebozo/Danner conversation.

Mr. FREEDMAN. What does that have to do with the 1972 campaign?

Mr. LACKRITZ. That is what we are trying to determine, Mr. Freedman.

Mr. Freedman has raised the question that we have in our files memoranda that are allegedly from Mr. Hughes to employees of Hughes Tool Co. suggesting that up to \$1 million be put up, be paid to the President of the United States, for the purpose of explicitly stopping the A-bomb tests in Nevada, and what we want to know is whether this \$100,000 was a part payment or anyway related to that memorandum that allegedly came from Mr. Hughes, relating to that stopping of the A-bomb.

Senator TALMADGE. I think it would be relevant, and you can proceed on that basis.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I still don't see what that has got to do with the 1972 campaign, but go ahead.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Getting back to the question, Mr. Danner, do you recall having a conversation with Mr. Rebozo in which you asked Mr. Rebozo to bring these matters to the attention of the appropriate people in the Government?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any specific discussion before or after this letter, but I feel certain we did discuss it. I was quite alarmed myself.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Well, all right.

Mr. LENZNER. By the way, Mr. Danner, just for a second, do you know who Mr. Rebozo, if anybody, passed that memorandum on to?

Mr. DANNER. No, I do not.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ever tell you he passed it on to people in the administration?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall anything further having anything to do with this, or ever having received a reply.

Mr. LENZNER. Didn't you tell us once that you were aware of people in the administration who received this memorandum, that they were pleased with it?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You did not tell us that on August 30 of this year?

Mr. DANNER. No. You are mistaken.

Mr. LENZNER. Was that some other memorandum?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. What did that have to do with, if that is another memorandum, what did that memorandum have to say? And I will apologize.

Mr. DANNER. That had to do with the ABM.

Mr. LENZNER. Those are not—my recollection, I happen—I don't have any notes in front of me, but who received that? Let's hold that and go with the AEC. We will get to that one later.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you see any memorandum that was allegedly from Mr. Hughes to Mr. Maheu directing Mr. Maheu to do everything possible to stop the atomic tests?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Were you aware of the memoranda in which Mr. Hughes expressed to Mr. Maheu his desire that large sums of money would be available to the Presidential campaign, to the candidates, in an effort to get the atomic tests stopped?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Do you have a fact in that, that you have not established yet?

Mr. LACKRITZ. Well, I am asking the question as to whether or not Mr. Danner was aware of it.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Whether he was aware of it. And he said "No."

Mr. LACKRITZ. Any proposal aside from the written memoranda, there might have been an oral proposal made by Mr. Hughes to Mr. Maheu, or there may have been another context in which the proposal might have been made other than in the written memoranda.

Mr. DANNER. I can answer your question. I did not see any memo, documents, or letters.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And you were unaware of any such proposal?

Mr. DANNER. That is true.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Fine. Did you have any discussion with anyone else in the White House or in the Federal Government about trying to get the atomic tests stopped?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You have another fact in there. You are now talking about any other person in the White House?

Mr. LACKRITZ. I asked if he had any discussion with anyone in the White House. I will rephrase the question, if that is satisfactory.

Mr. DANNER. The answer is "No."

Mr. LENZNER. Did you report back conversations with Mr. Rebozo to Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall that I made any formal report. It was a subject of constant discussions there in Las Vegas, and I still say it was not limited to Mr. Hughes. There are a great number of people that were very much concerned over these tests.

Mr. LENZNER. I understand that, sir. Did you report back your meetings with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Do you remember reporting the meeting with Mr. Rebozo to anybody?

Mr. DANNER. I discussed it from time to time, not in any serious campaign, undivided attention basis, but it was mentioned in conversation, and I feel certain that I reported back to Maheu whatever reaction I got from Mr. Rebozo, but it was something that I don't recall.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Maheu on one occasion go with you to Florida to see Mr. Rebozo on this subject?

Mr. DANNER. Not on this subject.

Mr. LENZNER. On which subject?

Mr. DANNER. The subject of dumping the nerve gas.

Mr. LENZNER. All right. Proceed.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you receive anything written, any written response from Mr. Rebozo in the letter you sent to him?

Mr. DANNER. No. Nothing that I recall or have been able to locate.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Are you—you said earlier you did not recall what Mr. Rebozo's response was?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. By the way, Mr. Danner, did you discuss with Mr. Rebozo the Agency's test, prior to the time you delivered the first \$50,000 payment to him, if you can recall?

Mr. FREEDMAN. If he can remember, which was the first payment?

Mr. DANNER. You are familiar with my inability to exactly place the one date?

Mr. LENZNER. I know that.

Mr. DANNER. This letter was obviously written before the delivery to San Clemente.

Mr. LENZNER. Right, sir.

Mr. DANNER. It was true that the second delivery occurred after that and the answer is this was done before any contributions were made.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you have any recollection on the occasion that you delivered—the two occasions that you delivered funds of discussing the AEC tests with them on those occasions?

Mr. DANNER. No. I might add, this was not my project. I had no direct assignment. My interest was more personal.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Meier consult with you on these tests in preparation with your meeting with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he have a part in preparing the memo—to your knowledge?

Mr. DANNER. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. The memo dated March 17, 1970, the letter you sent Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know who prepared that.

Mr. LENZNER. All right, sir.

Mr. LACKRITZ. You mentioned that on one occasion, Mr. Maheu accompanied you to Florida, and that was for the purpose of discussing the dumping of nerve gas?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Would you relate the substance of that meeting, your conversations with Mr. Rebozo on that occasion?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. I think that on that occasion, I was accompanied by Robert Maheu, and relayed to him Mr. Hughes' fears that this dumping of this gas in the Atlantic might lead to catastrophic results.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And did Mr. Maheu originate this meeting, or ask to see Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And asked you to set up an appointment.

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Why did you want to see Mr. Rebozo on this matter?

Mr. DANNER. We felt he could get the word to the proper people, rather than us trying to find someone to talk to here in Washington.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. Was there any evidence that Mr. Rebozo was able to do this, in the past, concerning the nerve gas?

Mr. DANNER. I don't understand your question.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Had there been other incidents before you talked to him about the nerve gas where Mr. Rebozo had successfully conveyed word to the appropriate authorities for you?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And do you recall those occasions?

Mr. DANNER. This was the height of the ABM controversy. Mr. Hughes had some very definite views on that subject. He had prepared a memorandum and he was desirous to getting that into the hands of people who were making the decisions. I delivered that memorandum to Mr. Rebozo, and he subsequently told me it had been distributed or delivered to people here. He didn't name them. They were very much impressed with Mr. Hughes' comments. They felt they were well taken, well thought out and they even suggested the possibility of briefing him on what was actually going on. They felt there were certain gaps in his knowledge they could supply. This never materialized.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Who prepared this memorandum on the ABM?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Aren't we getting way out?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Hughes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Hughes.

Mr. FREEDMAN. As far as you know.

Mr. DANNER. That was his thinking on the subject.

Mr. LENZNER. By whom? Mr. Maheu told you that?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who read the memorandum in the particular Nixon administration?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know what the distribution was.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, we are talking about ABM people, and if my recollection serves me correctly, that in August 1973 you advised us

that you believed two officials of the administration had seen that memorandum, according to what Mr. Rebozo told you. Do you recall that, sir?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Who were they?

Mr. DANNER. I think one was Dr. Kissinger. I believe the President read a brief of it. I don't know who else.

Mr. LENZNER. This is information you received from Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever discuss this with Mr. Kissinger or the President?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. The subject of ABM?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ever discuss the subject of AEC testing with the President?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or dumping the nerve gas in Nevada?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. With the President?

Mr. DANNER. Nerve gas was dumped in the Atlantic. No, I had no discussions with anyone other than with Rebozo on that subject.

Mr. LENZNER. I take it the reference on the ABM preceded your reference on AEC testing on nerve gas?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall what that date was. It was when the ABM controversy was at its height.

Mr. LENZNER. I am saying those discussions preceded your effort to talk to Mr. Rebozo about these subjects.

Mr. DANNER. I am not certain whenever the date was.

Mr. LENZNER. All right.

Mr. FREEDMAN. You did say the atomic testing, because he had been helpful in connection with the—

Mr. LENZNER. The ABM.

Mr. FREEDMAN. The ABM.

Mr. LENZNER. That is what I was getting at.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Does that refresh your recollection?

Mr. DANNER. I don't remember what came first. I remember the ABM was apparently well received. The AEC had to precede that because I think that my recollection is that the ABM debates were later on.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Do you know which came first?

Mr. LENZNER. We will check it.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't know why you expect the witness to know it, if you don't know it.

Mr. LENZNER. I was not dealing with those issues with Mr. Rebozo. Mr. Danner apparently was.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I am talking about things going on 4 years old, now.

Mr. LACKRITZ. That is the purpose for having these sessions Mr. Freedman, to find out what the witness knows and what the witness does not know.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't follow you, but go ahead.

Mr. LACKRITZ. So in other words, as I understand it, then, you received no written response from Mr. Rebozo concerning the ABM memorandum you forwarded?

Mr. DANNER. No, that was a verbal report back that, as I recall we—the President, I am sure he mentioned the President and Dr. Kissinger, that they had both examined it and were very much impressed with his competence and his observations and felt that they would like to brief him further on the subject matter, and possibly that they could give him a better understanding of what they were doing.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, Mr. Rebozo communicated to you and offered to communicate with Mr. Hughes?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you communicate that back to Mr. Hughes?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. What was Mr. Hughes' response? What happened subsequently to your knowledge?

Mr. DANNER. Nothing. There was no briefing.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did Mr. Rebozo indicate that the President was willing to brief Mr. Hughes about the ABM?

Mr. DANNER. No, I think Dr. Kissinger or someone around him would do it. They did not want it in writing. It was too sensitive. They would like to do it face-to-face.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. And to your knowledge, why didn't this meeting occur?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Hughes didn't want to see them.

Mr. LACKRITZ. I see. How did you find that out? Through Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Maheu told me.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you refer that back to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I did.

Mr. LACKRITZ. What was Rebozo's response?

Mr. DANNER. That was the end of the conversation.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, your reply to Mr. Rebozo was that the offer was there, but that Mr. Hughes declined, and that was the end of it?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, then the Washington Post this morning—

Mr. FREEDMAN. Come on.

Mr. LENZNER. May I ask the question? The Washington Post reports that Mr. Rebozo says he was offered an additional contribution in 1967 by the Hughes Tool Co. Do you have any knowledge regarding a contribution in 1967?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I wish I had got my evidence from newspapers. I wouldn't be able to try a case.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Freedman, you don't mind if we just check to find out if there is an allegation to see if it is correct?

Mr. FREEDMAN. You're doing it.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, did you on occasion discuss with Mr. Rebozo. Mr. Johnny Meier, who was employed by the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you remember approximately when the first time was?

Mr. DANNER. It seems to me that the discussion began sometime in April, May, June, that period of 1969.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he raise that subject or did you?

Mr. DANNER. Let me tell the story.

Mr. LENZNER. This is between Rebozo, Mr. Danner, regarding Mr. John B. Meier?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Rebozo called me and told me that it had come to the administration's attention that Donald Nixon was spending quite a bit of time in Nevada with John Meier. He felt that was—they wanted to know first of all what he was doing, if I knew what connection he had with any of the Hughes' organizations. They felt it was bad judgment, it could lead to bad consequences, both from the administration's standpoint, and from our standpoint, being the Hughes standpoint. I reported the conversation with Maheu. He assigned me then to General Nigro, who is chief assistant. General Nigro called in John Meier. The three of us discussed it. I related the conversation as it had occurred to me from Rebozo. The administration had some fears about Donald Nixon becoming involved with the Hughes organization. Meier at the time assured us it was a personal friendship. They visited each other's homes. He visited Donald Nixon's home, and vice versa. They were not involved in any business deals. Don Nixon had his own interests in Nevada and Utah, which necessitated his visiting the State. When he came up, he would usually call on Meier, and that was the extent of it.

He was asked then, or told then, by General Nigro to be very circumspect, not to discuss any business or become involved in any matters with Donald Nixon. However, he continued to see him. There was no question about that. Sometime in July or August the same year, I received a call from Mr. Rebozo asking me if I knew where—well, let me go back. A man named Dean Elson, former agent in charge of the FBI there in Nevada who had retired, was placed in charge of the mining activities which brought Meier under his supervision and control. I had briefed Dean Elson on the problem of Meier and Don Nixon. Sometime in July or August, as I recall, I received a call from Rebozo. He asked me if I knew where John Meier was, and I said no, but I would find out. I called Dean Elson and he told me that Meier was up in the northern Nevada area working on some mining claims, and Mr. Rebozo said, "I think you will find that he is at the Orange County Airport with Don Nixon." The information proved to be true, and when Meier returned, according to what Elson told me, he admitted that he had gone down there instead of going to northern Nevada. This created quite a furor, and eventually, I don't know quite how long afterward, Meier resigned or was terminated.

Mr. LENZNER. Going back, did Mr. Rebozo, when he first called you, did he indicate who asked him to call you?

Mr. DANNER. Well, he was expressing the concern of the White House.

Mr. LENZNER. Of the President?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Anybody else?

Mr. DANNER. No; not that I recall. No one else.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did he tell you what his source of information was with regard to Meier and Don Nixon; how he learned about it?

Mr. DANNER. No; he said that the two of them were spending a lot of time together in Nevada.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate—whether he thought they had specific business relationships?

Mr. DANNER. That was the question?

Mr. LENZNER. Now, when you discussed that with Mr. Meier, did he admit any specific relationship?

Mr. DANNER. We discussed it with him, and he denied having any common interest in business.

Mr. LENZNER. And when he called you later and talked to you and advised you that there had been a meeting—

Mr. DANNER. When who called?

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Rebozo said that Mr. Nixon—Donald Nixon and Mr. Meier were at the Orange County Airport, I think you said—did he indicate how he learned of that?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. As I understand, you called Mr. Elson and Mr. Elson advised you that you were checking out Mr. Rebozo's study, and Elson claimed Meier was supposed to be up in Nevada looking at mining properties?

Mr. DANNER. Right.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you, at some point, discuss with Mr. Meier whether he, in fact, was at the Orange County Airport?

Mr. DANNER. I had no further conversations with Mr. Meier. Any further conversations I might have had on this subject would have been with Mr. Elson.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you—did Mr. Rebozo ever advise you that surveillance or electronic equipment had been physically placed on the President's brother?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ever advise you a picture had been taken at the Orange County Airport?

Mr. DANNER. I seem to recall that they had photographs of him.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever see those photographs?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. To your knowledge—your own personal knowledge—did Donald Nixon and Mr. Meier have any business relationship?

Mr. DANNER. Not to my knowledge.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you—

Mr. FREEDMAN. Senator, I still don't see what this has to do with the 1972 campaign.

Senator TALMADGE. Well, of course, this is an investigation inquiry, as you know, into—to tie it up. It would be relevant, if he could tie it up; if he can't it would be immaterial, of course.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I don't think that they can ask any questions out of their great curiosity that they can conjure up; and it seems that is what they are doing.

Mr. LENZNER. I would refer, Mr. Freedman, to the transcripts of December 4. We explained in some detail the relevancy of this area of inquiry. That transcript, of course, was made public by Mr. Davis—

Mr. FREEDMAN. May I just—

Mr. LENZNER. May I finish? When he appended it to an application for an injunction against this committee, and it's a matter of public

record, and I'm sure Mr. Freedman has access to it. But we laid out this area of inquiry and why it is related to the 1972 campaign.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I am not going to get involved as to how that transcript became public. I will let Mr. Davis give his opinion as to that, which I am sure he will.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, did you ever pass on to Mr. Maheu a request from Mr. Rebozo, or anybody else, that Mr. Meier be directed not to continue to have relationships with Mr. Donald Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, he was told that by General Nigro on the occasion of the first meeting.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Business or personal?

Mr. LENZNER. Any.

Mr. DANNER. Just to break it up, that the White House had more things to do, we let Mr. Meier know that he had more things to do than to visit and socialize with Donald Nixon.

Mr. LENZNER. You were passing on Mr. Rebozo's request to Mr. Nigro and Maheu, is that correct?

Mr. DANNER. That is correct.

Mr. LENZNER. I believe, when we were out in August, you also indicated that you had some information with regard to some real estate dealings that Mr. Nixon and Mr. Meier had?

Mr. DANNER. I had no knowledge then. I subsequently heard they were interested in a real estate development somewhere in southern California, that a syndicate had been formed, that both were members of it. It had nothing to do with any of the Hughes property, as I recall, but that was their main interest.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you discuss with Mr. Meier or with Mr. Rebozo, Mr. Donald Nixon's business relationships and dealings with Mr. Meier, and Mr. Jack Cleveland and Mr. Tony Hatsis?

Mr. DANNER. No. I didn't know anything about those people at that time. My only participation in this was to relay those fears that had been expressed to me by Mr. Rebozo, stemming from the White House, that they didn't want Donald Nixon to become involved with anything the Hughes people were interested in.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Rebozo, did he ever mention Mr. Cleveland's or Mr. Hatsis' name to you?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ever discuss with you the trip that Mr. Nixon, Donald Nixon, took with Mr. Meier and I believe Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Hatsis to the Dominican Republic?

Mr. DANNER. I think we did discuss that, but that was first reported in the press. So some negotiations with the Dominican Republic, it had to do with mining rights.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LENZNER. Back on the record.

Well, did Mr. Rebozo inquire or ask you to inquire or find out what happened on that trip to the Dominican Republic?

Mr. DANNER. My problem is trying to remember what happened that I had knowledge of as to what I read and heard later.

Mr. LENZNER. Right.

Mr. DANNER. Sometime during this episode, the name of Tony Hatsis entered into it, whether it was in connection with the Dominican visit,

and there has been quite a bit of publicity about that, if you recall, that a big steak dinner they had for them, but in our initial discussions, I don't recall the name Hartsis coming up.

Mr. LENZNER. You recall Mr. Rebozo talking to you about the Dominican trip?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, we did.

Mr. LENZNER. And did you make any inquiries concerning that trip with anybody else? Did you report back to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No. That was not my responsibility. That was Mr. Elson's responsibility.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ask Mr. Elson to do that?

Mr. DANNER. I don't think I directed him to do anything. I don't think I recall any specific conversations. I am sure that we had them, but I do not recall the details. It was his problem; not mine. I had done what I had been asked to do and that was the end of it.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss the problem of F. Donald Nixon with the President, Haldeman, or Ehrlichman?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Or Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. Let me say I did not discuss it with the President. I don't know Mr. Haldeman or Mr. Ehrlichman. I did not discuss it with the Attorney General.

Mr. LENZNER. Or Mr. Kalmbach?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever hear that Mr. Nixon was seeking a finder's fee for assisting Hughes Tool Co. in acquiring Air West?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall ever having heard that, no.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Danner, just to go back to your initial conversation with Mr. Rebozo, very briefly, Mr. Freedman, Mr. Rebozo, did he ask you whether you knew where Mr. Meier was, is that correct?

Mr. DANNER. On that occasion, he said, "Do you know where John Meier is?" or words to that effect, and I said, "I will find out."

Mr. LACKRITZ. So after you called Mr. Rebozo back, that is after you checked with Mr. Elson?

Mr. DANNER. I think I kept him on the line and called over to Elson's office and said, "Where is John D. Meier?"

Mr. LACKRITZ. When you reported back to Mr. Rebozo, you thought he was at the mining property in southern Nevada and Mr. Rebozo said, "No, at the moment he is staying at the Orange County Airport." Did you then feel that—did you have any ideas how Mr. Rebozo got this information?

Mr. DANNER. No, I simply called Mr. Elson back and I said, "I think you'd better check. We received a report that Johnny Meier is at the Orange County Airport."

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ask Mr. Rebozo how he got this information?

Mr. DANNER. No, I accepted it as a statement.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And you personally had no curiosity in terms of how Mr. Rebozo obtained that information?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Some of the people don't have the curiosity that this staff has.

Mr. DANNER. I didn't inquire of how he obtained that information.

Mr. LACKRITZ. OK.

Mr. DANNER. If you want my assumption and speculations?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Never mind.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever learn whether Mr. Meier had ever paid Donald Nixon any money?

Mr. DANNER. I never heard that, no.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, exhibit 15* from yesterday is a letter from you to Mr. Rebozo dated November 11, 1969. Can you tell us how that came about?

Mr. DANNER. My recollection is that this letter, where I sent news releases, had to do with the resignation of John Meier from the Hughes Tool Co., and that is a recollection, although this could have been and had something to do with Dominican Republican venture. I am not certain.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you send these to Mr. Rebozo at his request?

Mr. DANNER. No, I think when I saw it, I sent it down to relay the information.

Mr. LENZNER. You said you also sent a memorandum to Johnny Meier on the same subject, "which I discussed with you." Do you recall which subject that was?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't know what was in the memorandum.

Mr. FREEDMAN. If you don't remember, you don't remember. Don't speculate.

Mr. DANNER. I do not remember.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you searched your files to determine if you have a copy of that memorandum?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. This is all we were able to discover on this memorandum.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know who prepared the memorandum?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't have any recollection as of this time to what it referred?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know whether Mr. Meier was terminated because of his continuing relationship with Donald Nixon, terminated by the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't remember the real cause of his termination.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo ever inquire with regard to Mr. Meier's business or personal relationship with Donald Nixon, F. Donald Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't recall any such conversation.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you ever heard of the corporation, Basic Industries Corp.?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't. That name doesn't ring a bell.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you ever contacted by Jack Caulfield, an employee of the White House, between 1969 and the present?

Mr. DANNER. Was I ever contacted by—

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Caulfield.

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you ever requested by Mr. Rebozo or an employee of the White House to obtain information from Hughes Tool Co. files with regard to Johnny Meier?

*See p. 9675.

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Or to obtain information with regard to Larry O'Brien from the Hughes Tool Co. files by Mr. Rebozo or employees of the White House?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever look at the O'Brien files, Mr. O'Brien's files at the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you ever requested by Mr. Rebozo or an employee or employees of the White House to determine what retainers O'Brien had when he was employed by the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you discussed that with Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Have I discussed what?

Mr. LENZNER. The existence of a retainer to the Hughes Tool Co. for Larry O'Brien?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall any such conversation. I don't know what the relationship was.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't recall Mr. Rebozo expressing some concern on behalf of the administration, that the Hughes Tool Co. had employed Mr. O'Brien?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, that was discussed.

Mr. LENZNER. On a number of occasions?

Mr. DANNER. Not on a number of occasions, but it was mentioned in conversations that he was retained by the Hughes Tool Co. in some capacity.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo request it at anytime, or ascertain any information with regard to that retainer?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss that retainer of Mr. O'Brien's with the President or any other employee of the White House?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Any employee of the White House, I should say?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LACKRITZ. You indicated your relationship with Mr. Meier was limited?

Mr. DANNER. Very limited.

Mr. LACKRITZ. When was your last contact with Mr. Meier?

Mr. DANNER. Aside from seeing him in the hotel, speaking to him as he walked by, I have only had that one conversation.

Mr. LACKRITZ. One meeting?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did F. Donald Nixon ever discuss with you, excuse me, Mr. Meier ever discuss with you F. Donald Nixon's employment, at that meeting that you described? In other words, who he was working for at the time or anything like that?

Mr. DANNER. No, he said that he, F. Donald Nixon, had his own interests, his own interests in Nevada and Utah, which on occasion would bring him to Nevada or Utah.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did he describe what this was?

Mr. DANNER. Did he? No, he did not describe what this was.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, Mr. Rebozo's references reflect that you cashed a check with him in the amount of \$1,000 on May 5, 1969. Do you have any recollection of the purpose of that?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. What was the purpose of that?

Mr. DANNER. He was visiting Las Vegas and he had run out of money, and I loaned him \$1,000 and he returned it as soon as he got home, with a check.

Mr. LENZNER. I don't ask you why he had borrowed money from you, but did he borrow money from you on any other occasions?

Mr. DANNER. No, I think this was the only occasion. I think he got caught short.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever borrow money from him?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss—do you know Mr. Robert Bennett?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss with Mr. O'Brien or Mr. Meier or Mr. F. Donald Nixon with him?

Mr. DANNER. Bob Bennett?

Mr. LENZNER. Yes.

Mr. DANNER. No, not to my knowledge. He did not come on board until long after this.

Mr. LENZNER. He came on board in 1971.

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall any discussion on this subject with him.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you aware that Mr. F. Donald Nixon owned a ranch jointly with Mr. Jack Cleveland?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. In Nevada?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. FREEDMAN. Back on the record.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know Mr. Ken Whittaker of the FBI?

Mr. DANNER. Where does he work?

Mr. LENZNER. Now he is a special agent in the Miami office.

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't think so. No, I do not recall or know him.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any discussion with Mr. Mitchell, the former Attorney General, about the TWA litigation?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't believe I have ever discussed that matter with him.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss with him the possible employment of his former law firm on behalf of the Hughes Tool Co. in the TWA litigation?

Mr. DANNER. No, I have no such recollection.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss that subject with other people in the administration?

Mr. DANNER. I think Maheu had raised the question at one time.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Do you know that? Did Maheu tell you?

Mr. DANNER. No, he asked me what I thought of the advisability of that.

Mr. LENZNER. Of bringing in Mitchell in a TWA litigation?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you speak with Mr. Rebozo about that?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you respond to Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. I said I thought it would be poor judgment.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ask you to check with anybody as to whether it would be advisable to do that?

Mr. DANNER. I have no recollection of ever having discussed it with anyone else.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know for a fact that was done, in fact, that firm became associated in the TWA litigation?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Are they of record?

Mr. LENZNER. Associated.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I do not know what that means.

Mr. LENZNER. Associated. Retained by the Hughes Tool Co. to assist in the TWA litigation.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Well, if it is of record, it's of record.

Mr. DANNER. My recollection is when I was sitting in on those meetings, Donovan & Leasure, there were other law firms mentioned, but I don't recall Nixon's old law firm ever entering into it, that I made mention to it.

Mr. LENZNER. He never asked you to follow up on that to see if that was possible?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall ever going that far.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, after your discussions initially with Mr. Mitchell on the Dunes acquisition, did you ever return to Nevada and tell Mr. Maheu that, in essence, political obligations had been included, incurred, with regard to your visit?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. When was the last time you saw Mr. Mitchell and talked with him? Or talked with him?

Mr. DANNER. It—the last conversation I had with him was on—it was a number of months ago, possibly a year ago. Someone had asked me to check, there were two candidates for nomination for Secretary of the Treasury, and I called John Mitchell and asked him if he knew either of the two men, and which one was being considered most likely, and he said, "Don't concern yourself with it, the decision is pretty well made," and I dropped the subject.

Mr. LENZNER. Who asked you to see Mr. Mitchell?

Mr. DANNER. Someone here in Washington called.

Mr. LENZNER. Related to the Hughes Tool Co.?

Mr. DANNER. No, no. This was a friend of mine here who was curious as to who was going to be the next Secretary.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Off the record.

[Discussion off the record.]

Mr. LACKRITZ. Back on the record.

Mr. Danner, can I refer to the change that you made in the statement of your deposition that you gave to the Internal Revenue Service? Can you describe the circumstances for the change in that deposition, and how that came about?

Mr. DANNER. Which change are you referring to?

Mr. LACKRITZ. The change you made this year concerning the dates.

Mr. DANNER. I had given the deposition. It was May of 1972. I had been subpoenaed. I had no advance notification of what they wanted to talk about, only the subject matters. I answered the questions to the best of my recollection at the time, and immediately following my return to Las Vegas, I got to thinking about it. I called Chester Davis and I said, Chester, I think—

Mr. FREEDMAN. Never mind what you and Chester talked about.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Mr. Davis was representing you at that time?

Mr. DANNER. No, he was representing the tool company.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Mr. Danner is employed by the tool company. In any event, as a result of the conversation, what did you do?

Mr. DANNER. I didn't know how to contact the two special agents who talked to me, and he said he would get in touch with them. I had not corrected the transcript as yet. I did want to make a correction where the word came back to me that where they had transcribed the dictation, they would bring the transcript to me and I could make whatever corrections I wanted to make. I was then curiously in doubt as to the dates of one delivery, and while I stated as I recalled positively August of 1969, then I began to think that that date was possibly wrong. I wanted to correct that.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And what led you to believe that that date was wrong at that time?

Mr. DANNER. That it was too far in advance of the 1970 congressional campaign and the donations were made closer to the approaching campaign.

Mr. LACKRITZ. And did you discuss this matter with anyone else at that time, besides the counsel for the Hughes Corp.?

Mr. DANNER. No, I merely sent the word that I wanted to think about that further and correct it or try to make it more detailed, and that is the way the matter rested for a considerable period of time, until they came back with the deposition and we corrected it.

Mr. LACKRITZ. In other words, it was for more than a year. You did not receive the transcript for more than a year?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. Did you ask Mr. Davis what happened to the transcript?

Mr. DANNER. No, he said, "Don't worry about it. They know about it. When they are ready, they will come and see you and you can make whatever corrections you need to make."

Mr. LACKRITZ. And so the first time that you had the opportunity to make those corrections was more than a year after you gave the deposition?

Mr. DANNER. That is right.

Mr. LACKRITZ. When you made those corrections, how did you do this? Did you do this in Las Vegas?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, Mr. Kalmbach went to Nevada, Las Vegas, in October of 1971, to discuss with Mr. Greenspun the question of the relationship of F. Donald Nixon—

Mr. DANNER. I am sorry. I didn't get that.

Mr. LENZNER. Were you aware that Mr. Kalmbach was meeting with Mr. Greenspun at that time or at a later time, did you learn of that visit?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Greenspun have a discussion with you on Mr. Meier's relationship with F. Donald Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. Did Mr. Greenspun discuss what?

Mr. LENZNER. Johnny Meier's relationship with you, did Mr. Greenspun discuss with you Mr. Meier's and F. Donald Nixon's relationship?

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall ever discussing that subject with Mr. Greenspun.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss with Mr. Greenspun or with Mr. Maheu whether these memos, these memoranda which allegedly came from Mr. Hughes, reflected information concerning Meier's relationship to F. Donald Nixon?

Mr. DANNER. No, I did not have that much interest in it. I didn't pursue this matter that much further. It was a topic of conversation, the fact that many of them seemed to be spurious, it was a topic of conversation. I didn't concern myself with it. It was not my job.

Mr. LENZNER. Didn't Mr. Rebozo, on occasion, ask you about the memoranda, the existence of the memoranda, which allegedly came from Mr. Hughes, allegedly to Mr. Maheu?

Mr. DANNER. No, I don't have any such recollection.

Mr. LENZNER. And specifically, this was, I think, you advised us of the fact that he did so inquire after Mr. Maheu had been terminated in December 1970. You advised us in August that, or at least our notes, they reflect Mr. Rebozo's expressing concern about the Hughes memoranda. Do you recall that?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, I think that was in connection with my interview with the Internal Revenue Service, based on a column written by Jack Anderson, which in turn was based on an alleged memo from Maheu to Hughes, or vice versa, concerning the contributions.

Mr. LENZNER. Did Mr. Rebozo call you after that article appeared in the press?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. And what can you recall that he said to you, and what you said to him at that time?

Mr. DANNER. Well, I think that the subject was how did Anderson learn of this, and the answer was that he had been shown an alleged memo describing the details of the event.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Rebozo asked you how Anderson learned about it, and you told him that Anderson had been shown a memo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. How did you know Anderson had been shown a memo?

Mr. DANNER. He told me.

Mr. LENZNER. Who told you?

Mr. DANNER. Mr. Anderson.

Mr. LENZNER. When did he tell you that?

Mr. DANNER. He called me for comment. He said he was going to write this column, and he wanted to know if I had any comment, and I said, "I have no comment." And he said, "Well, are you saying that you are going to deny it?" and so on. "Well," he said, "don't deny it, because I have seen the memo describing this in detail," indicating that Maheu had shown this memorandum to him.

Mr. LENZNER. And you advised—you furnished that to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he ask you to pursue that and determine whether other memoranda regarding that subject or other subjects—

Mr. DANNER. No, I had no access to those.

Mr. LENZNER. But I mean, did Mr. Rebozo request of you to determine whether other such memos existed?

Mr. DANNER. I do not recall.

Mr. LENZNER. You were aware, were you not, that at that time, Mr. Maheu had a memorandum which allegedly came from Mr. Hughes. When I say at the time, I mean when Mr. Rebozo called you.

Mr. DANNER. Yes, during the court hearings in December 1970, that was a topic of much discussion, and I had seen what purported to be a memorandum from Hughes to Maheu and vice versa, many, in great quantity. I did not read them.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Incidentally, a lot of people had, as you well know, Senator, have attempted to write something that is purportedly to have been obtained from Hughes, and it turns out that it didn't. I am speaking about the Irvin G. case.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you advise Mr. Rebozo at that time, that you observed these other memoranda, that you had not read them, that you were aware of a number of other memoranda which allegedly came from Mr. Hughes?

Mr. DANNER. Yes. They were in great volume, and the court had asked him to bring them in during the trial, and I advised Peter Maheu that he had better produce them, because it was a court order.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you recall what Mr. Rebozo's reaction to that was?

Mr. DANNER. I don't think he had any particular reaction.

Mr. FREEDMAN. He didn't say anything. You don't know what his inner feelings were?

Mr. LENZNER. I mean, did he respond by saying anything?

Mr. DANNER. No, it was not a secret. It was a welcome fact by that time that these memos had been published in the newspapers, the existence of them had been widely discussed, the dissemination of them had been widely discussed. It was not a well-kept secret by any means.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any other discussions with Mr. Rebozo regarding those memoranda?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Now, prior to the time that Mr. Howard Hunt testified before this committee, were you aware of the fact that Mr. Hunt had discussed with Mr. Winte of the Hughes Tool Co. the possibility of breaking into Mr. Greenspun's safe?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss that with Mr. Winte?

Mr. DANNER. Not until after the story had appeared.

Mr. LENZNER. And I say, he admitted to you he had such a discussion?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, he said he had been contacted.

Mr. LENZNER. Did he indicate who he had discussed this with?

Mr. DANNER. He did not go into any detail. I was—I had been—it was a big headline, a big story in the Las Vegas Sun.

Mr. LENZNER. I wonder why? Go ahead.

Mr. DANNER. And I called Mr. Gay immediately and said, "What is this story appearing in the paper?" and he said, "Forget it, there is nothing to it." That is the first I knew about it, when I read it in the newspaper. Subsequently, when Winte's name entered into the matter, he told me that he had been in contact. He was not willing to detail how he handled the matter, but it was about that time that the story had been pretty well found out as to what happened.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever discuss with Mr. Mitchell, with regard to Mr. Greenspun or the Hughes' memoranda, the alleged memorandum from Mr. Hughes?

Mr. FREEDMAN. Which memorandum?

Mr. LENZNER. Any memoranda.

Mr. DANNER. I don't recall ever discussing that with him.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, I can't recall, but did you know Mr. Gordon Liddy when you were in the FBI?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you know Franklin Deboer and Thomas Wakefield, associates of Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. I know Tom Wakefield, I have known him ever since he was admitted to the bar.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever have any discussions with him with regard to the \$100,000 that you transmitted to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you ever have any business dealings with him?

Mr. DANNER. No.

Mr. LENZNER. You don't know Franklin Deboer?

Mr. DANNER. No; I don't think I have ever met him.

Mr. LENZNER. Do you know Mr. Seymour Alter?

Mr. DANNER. No. I have no recollection of knowing him.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, he was an employee or is an employee of Paradise Island.

Mr. DANNER. That doesn't ring a bell.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, do you know Mr. Greg Bautzer?

Mr. DANNER. Yes, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any discussion with regard to him—with regard to the contribution of \$100,000 that you transmitted to Mr. Rebozo?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. Have you had discussions with him with regard to political contributions for the campaign of 1972?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir. Last time I saw Greg Bautzer was during the TWA discussions, prior to the changeover of the administration in 1970.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you play any role—

Mr. FREEDMAN. Change in the administration in 1970?

Mr. DANNER. Of the Hughes administration.

Mr. LENZNER. Did you have any role in the negotiations of the acquisition of the Air West?

Mr. DANNER. No, sir.

Mr. LENZNER. And Mr. Bautzer?

Mr. DANNER. I don't know.

Mr. LENZNER. Dick, do you have any questions?

Mr. DANNER. You haven't asked me one question I have been waiting for.

Mr. FREEDMAN. What is it? You tell me first.

Mr. DANNER. I had nothing to do with the Watergate break-in.

Mr. LENZNER. Senator Talmadge, unless my colleagues advise me otherwise, it's almost 9 o'clock. We should terminate now and adjourn this subpena upon the call of the Chair. If we can do that, or if that would be agreeable to you, Senator.

Senator TALMADGE. Sure.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I am not sure that Mr. Danner should be subjected to coming back. This is how many times, Mr. Danner?

Mr. DANNER. The fourth time.

Mr. LENZNER. Let me say for the record, Mr. Davis has been mis-citing the record. We have interviewed Mr. Danner informally on August 30 in Los Angeles of this year. The only other time he has been interviewed by this committee was last week on 1 day, when the interview was entirely of Mr. Davis reading into the record certain documents that Mr. Danner had brought with him, and yesterday's interview and today's interview.

Mr. DANNER. I was here a previous time.

Mr. LENZNER. The day before yesterday.

Mr. DANNER. I was prepared to testify on the day that we were sworn in in the Senator's office, Senator Ervin's office.

Mr. LENZNER. When you and 11 other people were sworn in?

Mr. DANNER. I was called in.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Did you receive a subpoena that day?

Mr. DANNER. Yes.

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Danner, if I can explain on the record, so you have the courtesy of an explanation, as you may know, we have been trying to interview a variety of Hughes employees prior to that day, and upon advice of Mr. Davis, they all had refused to comply with the subpoenas. Mr. Davis asked for an opportunity to address the committee, and on that date, the committee allowed him to do so, but requested that the witnesses who had been subpoenaed comply with their subpoenas by appearing before the committee.

Mr. FREEDMAN. They were all subpoenaed on the same day?

Mr. LENZNER. No; they were not. They were all subpoenaed prior to that day, and we were moving them along as expeditiously as possible, over frequent objections, and that is the reason why we didn't get to you that day, and we did not conduct an interview with you that day.

Mr. DANNER. There is no question, nor has there ever been, as to the fact that I participated in the two contributions totaling \$100,000, and I have read in the various publications that that money was to buy out a decision on antitrust, that decision had to do with getting some AEC testing stopped, that money was used—for the acquisition of Air West, the bribing of various officials, and every nefarious, sinister scheme ever devised, someone has assigned that as a reason for those funds. You have heard my story under oath. It's been given under oath on several occasions, and I don't know what further I can do to establish my story. What anyone else wants to say is their problem.

Mr. LENZNER. Thank you, Senator.

Senator TALMADGE. Thank you. And thank you, Mr. Danner.

Mr. LENZNER. Subject to the call of the Chair, I would ask that we would adjourn, Senator.

Mr. FREEDMAN. I want something on the record. For the record, Mr. Davis is here to appear pursuant to the—and Mr. Winte, I understand is here, and—

Mr. LENZNER. Mr. Winte is not scheduled to testify until tomorrow, Mr. Freedman.

Mr. FREEDMAN. Carol Duncan is here.

Mr. LENZNER. Which of those witnesses has requested that a Senator be present for all their testimony?

Mr. FREEDMAN. My recollection is that Mr. Davis said that he wished a proper convening of the committee in executive session be present for his testimony and also for Mr. Winte and also, I don't know about Carol Duncan.

Mr. LENZNER. Well, the subpoenas are returnable to 10 o'clock, and we will try to get a Senator available at 10 o'clock and have that testimony heard.

Senator TALMADGE. Where do you want to hear it?

Mr. LENZNER. We will hear it anywhere we can, Senator.

Senator TALMADGE. All right. Thank you very much.

[Whereupon, at 9:04 a.m., the taking of the above testimony recessed, subject to the call of the Chair.]

MATERIAL SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

STAFF ANALYSIS OF RELATED DOCUMENTS

RICHARD DANNER CHRONOLOGY

DATE - 1968

EVENT

Summer 1968 Danner, Rebozo, and then-Presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon discuss possible campaign contribution from Howard Hughes

Dec. 5, 1968 Danner travels to Las Vegas to discuss possible employment with Hughes interests

Dec. 7, 1968 Maheu attempts to deliver \$50,000 to President-elect Richard Nixon in Palm Springs, but fails to make delivery

DATE - 1969

Jan. 5, 1969 Danner and wife make second trip to Las Vegas to discuss employment

Jan. 9-10, 1969 Mr. and Mrs. Danner stay at Key Biscayne Hotel; probably discusses Hughes employment with Rebozo

Jan. 27, 1969 Danner returns to Las Vegas to finalize employment agreement

Feb. 11, 1969 Danner begins permanent residence in Las Vegas

Mar. 1969 Las Vegas meeting with Robert Venn and Bill Gay to discuss and plan lease negotiations for CaySal Grand Bahamas

April 2-10, 1969 Danner travels to Washington, D.C., Miami, Nassau and Las Vegas regarding CaySal negotiations

April 16-20, 1969 Danner travels to Nassau, Bahamas, regarding the CaySal negotiations and returns via Washington, D.C.

May 6-8, 1969 Danner, Maheu, and Chester Davis stay at Madison Hotel, Danner expense voucher reflects following: "Trip to Washington, D.C.--Nixon Dinner--Entertainment expenses of \$150.00 for C. G. Rebozo, Jack Davis, et al."

May 21, 1969 Danner makes three telephone calls to C. G. Rebozo, the first two calls of short duration (21.70) with the last call extremely long (\$7.10).

Richard Danner Chronology - Page 2

DATE - 1969EVENT

June 14-16, 1969 Danner travel voucher reflects expenditure with following notations: "C. G. Rebozo. Visit to L.V."

June 21, 1969 Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with following notation: "Morgan, et al."

June 26, 1969 Danner travel record reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to Miami, conference with Rebozo".

Sept. 11-17, 1969 Danner travel voucher and hotel records reflect Danner and Maheu traveled to Miami regarding "H. N. O. project" and then went on to Washington and D.C. (Possible delivery of first \$50,000 to Rebozo)

Nov. 1969 Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to Los Angeles. Dinner with Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird."

Nov. 3-5, 1969 Danner and Maheu stay at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with following notation: "Trip to Washington, D.C., White House Dinner."

Nov. 4, 1969 Danner attends White House Stag dinner in honor of Prince Phillip

Nov. 18, 1969 Danner calls Rebozo for extended period of time (\$3.95)

DATE - 1970

Jan. 5-7, 1970 Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notations "Trip to New York City. TWA law suit".

Jan. 7-10, 1970 Danner stayed at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. and Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with following notation: "Trip to Washington, D.C. for conference at S.E.C. (Dunes Hotel) Attorney General - Entertaining Comm. Harlow, SEC and Thomas D. Webb, Attorney".

Richard Danner Chronology - Page 3

| <u>DATE - 1970</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
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| Jan. 22-25, 1970 | Danner and Maheu stay in Madison Hotel, Washington, D.C. Danner travel vouchers reflects expenditures with the following notations: "Trip to Washington, D.C. Attorney General Dunes Hotel and Ed Morgan, attorney". |
| Jan. 23, 1970 | Attorney General Mitchell's logs reflect a "drop-in meeting" with Richard Danner |
| Jan. 24, 1970 | Danner, Mitchell and Maheu attend Alfalfa Club Dinner in Washington, D.C. (along with 500 other guests). |
| Jan. 30, 1970 | Danner calls Rebozo for moderate period of time (\$3.95). |
| Feb. 3-5, 1970 | Danner stays at Key Biscayne Hotel and Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notations: "Trip to Miami and Nassau, G. B. to Washington, D.C. and return to Las Vegas. Contact with Rebozo. re: TWA suit, Air West matters". (Hughes Air Transportation Division records reflect flights including Danner, Maheu, and Rebozo during this period - See Weekly on Danner.) |
| Feb. 16, 1970 | Attorney General Mitchell's phone logs reflect a call to Richard Danner at 2:40 p.m. |
| Feb. 17, 1970 | Mitchell's phone logs reflect two calls to Asst. A. G. McLaren at 9:26 a.m. and 12:44 p.m. |
| Feb. 18, 1970 | Attorney General Mitchell returns Danner's call and talks at 2:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 20, 1970 | Danner calls Edward P. Morgan for moderate period of time (\$2.15). |
| Feb. 23-27, 1970 | Danner stays at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. and Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with following notations: "Trip to Washington, D.C. and return to Las Vegas. Conference with Attorney General". |
| Feb. 26, 1970 | Attorney General Mitchell's logs reflect meeting with Richard Danner at 4:15 p.m. Attorney General Mitchell then meets with Mr. Kleindienst at 5:00 p.m. |

Richard Danner Chronology - Page 4

DATE - 1970EVENT

March 2, 1970 Danner calls the Department of Justice for short duration (\$1.35).

March 6, 1970 Danner calls Rebozo for a short period of time (\$0.85). Danner calls Department of Justice for a short time (\$1.35).

March 9, 1970 Danner calls Rebozo for a short period of time (\$0.85). Danner calls Department of Justice for a short time (\$1.35). Attorney General Mitchell returns call from Danner at 4:50 p.m.

March 11, 1970 , Danner calls Department of Justice for short period of time (\$1.35).

March 12, 1970 Danner calls Rebozo for a lengthy period of time (\$6.30).

March 13, 1970 Danner calls Dept. of Justice for short duration (\$1.80).

March 16, 1970 Danner calls Rebozo for moderate duration (\$2.25). Danner calls Rebozo for short duration (\$1.35). Danner calls Dept. of Justice for short duration (\$1.80).

Mar. 18-20, 1970 Danner and Maheu stay at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. and Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to Washington, D.C. Conferences with Attorney General, Tom Webb, and Ed Morgan. On to Miami. Contact with Rebozo."

March 19, 1970 Attorney General Mitchell's logs reflect a meeting with Richard Danner at 12:15 p.m.

March 21, 1970 Attorney General leaves for Miami by train.

March 20-22, 1970 Danner stays at Sonesta Beach Hotel in Miami. (Hotel records indicate an additional occupant, probably Robert Maheu, stayed with Danner at the Sonesta Beach.)

April 1, 1970 Danner calls Rebozo for extended duration (\$9.45).

April 7, 1970 Danner calls Rebozo for short period of time (\$1.35).

Richard Danner Chronology - Page 5

DATE - 1970EVENT

- April 13-19, 1970 Danner voucher indicates expenditures with following notation: "Entertainment expenses for Ed Morgan, \$30.00"; Las Vegas.
- April 22, 1970 Danner voucher indicates expenses with following notation: "Dinner with Ed Morgan", Las Vegas.
- April 24-27, 1970 Danner and Maheu stay at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. and Danner travel vouchers reflect expenditures with the following notations: "Trip to Washington, D.C." "Luncheon with Webb MacCartie Flanagan, Shannon" and "Return to Las Vegas".
- May 6, 1970 Danner calls Edward P. Morgan's office in Washington, D.C. for long period of time (\$6.95). Danner calls Edward P. Morgan's home in Washington, D.C. for long duration (\$6.00).
- May 21, 1970 Danner calls Edward P. Morgan's office in Washington, D.C. for lengthy period of time (\$5.10). Danner calls Department of Justice for brief period of time (\$2.10).
- July 3, 1970 Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to San Clemente. Conference". (Possible delivery of \$50,000 to Rebozo; Danner met and talked with the President at San Clemente on this date.)
- Aug. 8, 1970 Danner calls Rebozo briefly (\$.70). Danner calls the White House main exchange briefly (\$1.10).
- Aug. 9-12, 1970 Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with following notation: "Trip to Newport Beach".
- Aug. 19-20, 1970 Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to Miami. Conference with Rebozo re: ENO." (Possible delivery of \$50,000 to Rebozo)
- Aug. 21-24, 1970 Danner stays at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. and Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to Washington, D.C. Conferences re: ENO and TWA." "Return to Las Vegas."

Richard Danner Chronology - Page 6

| <u>DATE - 1970</u> | <u>EVENT</u> |
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| Sept. 2-4, 1970 | Danner stays at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. and Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notations: "Trip to Washington, D.C. Conference re: TWA." |
| September 1970 | Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to Rehobeth Beach, Delaware. Conference with Jack Shaffer, FAA." |
| Sept. 7, 1970 | Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to Washington, D.C. HNO." Danner stays at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. |
| Sept. 8, 1970 | Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to N.Y.C. Conferences with Tool Company and TWA attorneys." |
| Sept. 11, 1970 | Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Meetings with Jim Hayes Tool, Co. Attorney, Ed Morgan and Robert Maheu." |
| Oct. 20, 1970 | Danner calls Rebozo for long period of time (\$5.85). |
| Oct. 27-28, 1970 | Danner stays at Madison Hotel with Maheu and Elson. |
| Oct. 28, 1970 | Danner stays at Sonesta Beach Hotel in Miami. |
| Oct. 26-30, 1970 | Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with following notations: "Trip to Washington, D.C. Conference re: TWA Ed Morgan et al." and "Traveled on to Miami, conference with Rebozo. Return to Las Vegas." |
| Nov. 2-5, 1970 | Danner and Maheu stay at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C., and voucher reflects expenditures with following notation: "Trip to Washington, D.C. Conference re: TWA Morgan, Hayes, Perkins, Clifford et al." |
| Nov. 9, 1970 | Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Trip to Washington, D.C." |

Richard Danner Chronology - Page 7

DATE - 1970EVENT

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| Nov. 10, 1970 | Danner travel voucher reflects expenditures with the following notations: "Conferences re: TWA Hayes et al." |
| Nov. 11, 1970 | Danner voucher reflects expenditures with the following notation: "Baustder, Morgan, Clifford et al." |
| Nov. 18, 1970 | Danner calls Rebozo for long period of time (\$8.00). |
| Dec. 7, 1970 | Danner calls Rebozo for moderate period of time (\$3.95). |

DATE - 1971

(Richard Danner has not produced any travel records from December 1970 through June 1971. Therefore, the following information comes almost solely from independently obtained records.)

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| Jan. 7, 1971 | Danner calls Rebozo for undetermined length of time. |
| April 7, 1971 | Danner stays at Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. |
| May 13, 1971 | Danner calls Department of Justice for moderate period of time (\$3.55). Attorney General Mitchell calls and talks to Danner at 4:35 p.m. |
| May 17, 1971 | Danner calls Department of Justice for moderate period of time (\$3.55). Attorney General Mitchell calls and talks to Danner at 12:50 p.m. Danner calls D.O.J. for short duration (\$1.85). |
| June 1, 1971 | Danner calls Department of Justice for short period of time (\$1.35). |
| June 2, 1971 | Danner calls Rebozo for long period of time (\$13.35). |
| Nov. 1, 1971 | Danner calls Rebozo for short period of time (\$1.35). |

Richard Danner Chronology - Page 8

DATE - 1972EVENT

Feb. 6, 1972 Danner calls Edward P. Morgan's office in Washington, D.C. for short period of time (\$1.35).

Feb. 15, 1972 Danner calls Edward P. Morgan's office in Washington, D.C. for moderate period of time (\$3.15).

April 6, 1972 Danner calls Rebozo for moderate length of time (\$4.15).

April 28-May 4, 1972 Danner stays at Key Biscayne Hotel in Miami.

Oct. 20-24, 1972 Danner credit records reflect numerous charges in Washington, D.C.

DATE - 1973EVENT

Jan. 18, 1973 Danner calls Rebozo for moderate period of time (\$.90).

Jan. 19, 1973 Danner calls Edward P. Morgan's home for a moderate period of time (\$3.15).

Feb. 1973 Danner charge accounts reflect hotel expenditures in Leesburg, Florida.

March 5, 1973 Danner calls Edward P. Morgan at 8:56 a.m. for 12 minutes.

March 30, 1973 Danner calls Davis and Cox law firm in NYC at 12:33 p.m. for two minutes.

May 14, 1973 Danner calls Bill Gay at 5:06 p.m. for 14 minutes.

May 17-20, 1973 Danner stays at Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C. (May 18: Date of James McCord's testimony about break-in and Greenspun safe.)

May 19-20, 1973 Danner and Rebozo visit with the President at Camp David.

June 8, 1973 Danner calls Bill Gay at 3:02 p.m. for 3 minutes. Danner calls Rebozo for moderate period of time (\$2.37).

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DATE - 1973EVENT

June 15, 1973 Robert Bennett calls the Sands Hotel (and probably Richard Danner, General Manager) at 2:48 p.m. after briefly speaking with Davis and Cox law firm prior to his call to the Sands.

June 18, 1973 Danner calls Secret Service Station at Key Biscayne, Florida, at 5:23 p.m. for one minute. (At the very same moment, C. G. Rebozo is on his home phone line calling Mr. Ken Gemmill.) C. G. Rebozo calls Danner from his home at 5:25 p.m. for one minute. C. G. Rebozo calls Danner from his home at 8:26 p.m. for eleven minutes.

June 19, 1973 , Danner calls Davis and Cox's law firm in NYC at 10:57 a.m. for four minutes. C. G. Rebozo calls from Philadelphia Airport to Robert Abplanalp at 12:17 p.m. for five minutes. C. G. Rebozo calls the White House from Gemmill office at 1:17 p.m. for eleven minutes. C. G. Rebozo calls Danner from Mr. Gemmill's office at 1:44 p.m. for nine minutes. C. G. Rebozo calls from Mr. Gemmill's office to Robert Abplanalp at 2:10 p.m. for two minutes.

June 21, 1973 Danner calls Bill Gay at 4:47 p.m. for one minute.

July 7-11, 1973 Danner credit records reflect numerous expenses in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

July 20, 1973 Danner calls Bill Gay at 11:39 a.m. for one minute.

Oct. 4-9, 1973 Richard Danner stays in Madison Hotel in Washington, D.C.

unpublished testimony of Richard G. Danner.

DANNER EXHIBIT No. 1

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Expenses Acct. Richard K. Sanner - Oct. 1967

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Tips

31⁰⁰

Entertainment-

Tennis Tournament & Golf Tournament 190⁰⁰

Los Angeles for briefing - Hughes Aircraft

Meals, Pubs, Tips

40⁰⁰

Total

\$ 261⁰⁰

Nov. 1967

Los Angeles - Dinner of Sect. of Defense Mel Laird

Tips & Miscellaneous

100⁰⁰

Washington D.C. for White House Dinner

Tips, Pub, Miscellaneous

78⁰⁰

To Los Angeles for Evele Younger Dinner

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Tips, Parking fees, meals & Entertainment

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MEMORANDUM

November 19, 1969

F.H.

TO: Jesse P. Levy

FROM: Richard G. Danner

SUBJECT: Expenses.

I am submitting herewith a statement in the amount of \$3,933.08 representing fees charged me by Las Vegas Convalescent Center, special nurses and laboratory charges.

Mr. Robert A. Mahou has authorized me to be reimbursed for these expenses which incidentally, are for my mother-in-law.

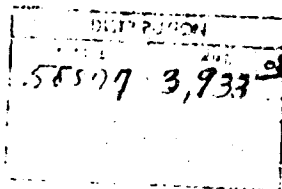
I had a choice of either keeping her here at the hotel or putting her in the Convalescent Center and because of her age and infirmity, it would have presented a very difficult proposition here.

I shall keep the receipts for the time being since there is a claim pending for Medicare, with the understanding that if this claim is paid, the hotel will be reimbursed in a like amount.

RGD/ms

Richard G. Danner
Managing Director

Att: Statement



San Diego, California Co. Tax =

12/30/69 - 1/30/70

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Government Expenses - October 1969

Typesetting and other miscellaneos \$ 141.00
 cost of printed expenses - 100.00
 entertainment, meals & tips \$ 241.00

Richard S. Hammer

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Inter-Department Correspondence

To: Jesse P. Levy

Date September 22, 1969

From: Richard G. Danner

Subject: Expense Account for Month of August, 1969

Please find attached, my expenses for the month of August, 1969.

RGD/ms

Att: 1

Richard G. Danner
Richard G. Danner
Managing Director

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RICHARD G. DANNER'S EXPENSES
AUGUST 1969

Tips and miscellaneous out of pocket expenses \$144.00

Gas and Oil 16.28

Meals and Entertainment 89.00

(Gene Cernan
Ed Morgan
Tommy Amato)

TOTAL \$249.28

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MEMORANDUM

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August 6, 1969

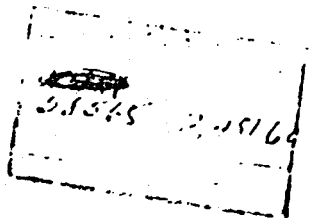
TO: Jesse P. Levy
FROM: Richard G. Danner
SUBJECT: Expense Account

Attached hereto are my notes covering expenses incurred by me for the period March 1st through July 31, 1969, totalling \$2,481.60.

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Richard G. Danner
Managing Director



EXPENSE ACCOUNT

P.G. DANNER

August 6, 1969

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| March 1969 | Robt. Venn & Bill Gay - Meeting in Las Vegas to discuss and plan lease negotiations for Cay Sal, Grand Bahamas. | |
| | Out of pocket expenses, cab fares, tips: | \$127.00 |
| | Tips, miscellaneous for balance of month: | 100.00 |
| April 2-10 | Las Vegas to Washington D.C., Miami, Nassau, Las Vegas, Cay Sal negotiations. | |
| | Meals, tips, cab fares: | 220.00 |
| April 10-14 | Preparations for moving family - Washington D.C. to Las Vegas, crating and shipping dog; | |
| | Crating and preparing for shipping personal records needed in Las Vegas; | 44.30 |
| | Truck rental, cab fares: | 175.00 |
| April 16-20 | Las Vegas to Nassau - Cay Sal negotiations and return to Washington D.C. | |
| | Meals, tips, cab fares and miscellaneous: | 160.00 |
| April 1-30 | Tips, cab fares, miscellaneous out of pocket expenses in Las Vegas: | 145.00 |
| May 6-8 | Trip to Washington D.C. for Nixon Dinner. | |
| | Tips, miscellaneous out of pocket expenses: | 75.00 |
| | Entertainment - C.G. Rebozo, Jack Davis et al | |
| | Tips, cabs, miscellaneous: | 150.00 |
| May 1-31 | Tips, cab fares, miscellaneous expenses in Las Vegas: | 200.00 |
| June 1-8 | Tips, miscellaneous: | 16.00 |
| June 8-13 | Harrish Lake Tahoe. | |
| | Tips, meals, miscellaneous: | 60.00 |
| | Entertainment: | 150.00 |
| June 14-16 | C.G. Rebozo: <i>Visita 41</i> | 10.00 |
| Jun 17 | Tips | 16.00 |
| 18 | Tips | 8.00 |
| 19 | Tips | 12.00 |
| Jun 21 | Tips, Morgan et al | 30.00 |
| 22 | Tips, Morgan et al | 10.00 |
| 23-30 | Tips | 15.00 |
| June 26 | Trip to Miami, Conf. C.G. Rebozo | |
| | Meals, tips, cab fares, miscellaneous | 175.00 |
| July 1-5 | Tips, Landmark, International openings: | 28.00 |
| | Gas | 6.20 |
| June 6 | Gas | 12.00 |
| July 7-18 | Gas, Miscellaneous | 150.00 |

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Expense Account

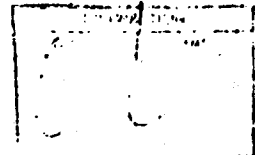
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| July 19 | Entertaining Jack Shaffer et al | 250.00 |
| July 19-31 | Tips, miscellaneous | 140.00 |

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DANNER EXHIBIT No. 2

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| | | 3151.73 | | | 3151.73 | EXPENSES JULY-NOV 1970 |

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Expenses July - Nov 1970

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

RICHARD G. DANNER - JULY 1970

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| July 1 - 5 | Entertainment expenses: | |
| | Mrs. George Smathers | |
| | Mrs. Herman Talmadge | \$150.00 |
| July 3 | Trip to San Clemente for conference at Summer White House - Limo and tips | 60.00 |
| July 15 | Burning Tree Club - Dues and fees | 99.66 |
| July 1 -31 | Misc. tips, paid outs and other but of pocket expenses | 305.17 |

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RICHARD G. DANNER

EXPENSE ACCOUNT - AUGUST 1970

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| August 4 | Entertainment expenses - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Granatelli | 50.00 |
| August 9-12 | To Newport Beach - Meals and tips | 50.00 |
| Aug. 19-20 | To Maimi, Fla. - Conference with C.G. Rebozo (HNO), meals, tips, cab fares (air credit card) | 75.00 |
| Aug. 21-24 | To Washington D.C. (H.N.O.) conferences re TWA | 150.00 |
| Aug. 25 | Return to Las Vegas via Los Angeles (air credit card), tips at hotel, limo, airport (HNO) | 70.00 |
| Aug. 1-30 | Misc. tips, out of pocket expenses | 177.06 |

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RICHARD G. DANNER

EXPENSE ACCOUNT - SEPTEMBER 1970

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| Sept. 1 - 4 | To Washington D.C. via Dallas (Air travel card) HNO, tips, limo, laundry dry cleaning, meals, conference TWA | 150.00 |
| Sept. | Trip to Rehabeth Bch. Del. for conference with Jack Shaffer, FAA, air travel meals and tips | 75.00 |
| Sept. 7 | To Wash. D.C. (Air Travel Card) HNO meals, and tips | 25.00 |
| Sept. 8 | To N.Y.C. - Conferences with Toolco TWA attorneys (HNO) | |
| September 11 | Return to Las Vegas, meals, tips, laundry and dry cleaning. (Meetings with Jim Hayes, Toolco attorney, accompanied by Ed Morgan, joined by Robt. A. Maheu TWA. | 250.00 |
| Sept. 20 | To Reno and Lake Tahoe - Del Webb Invitational - tips, fees, entertainment, Casino customers | 300.00 |
| Sept. 1-30 | Out of pocket expenses, meals and entertainment | 35.00 |

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EXPENSE ACCOUNT - OCTOBER 1970

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| Oct. 1 - 10 | Dues - Ex-FBI Agents Society | 25.00 |
| | Fees - TWA Ambassadors Club | 15.00 |
| Oct. 11-16 | Hughes Invitational: Tips, caddy fees | 100.00 |
| Oct. 26-30 | To Washington D.C. conference re TWA suite - Ed Morgan et al, meals tips, limo - HNO | 150.00 |
| | To Miami - conference C.G.Rebozo meals, tips, entertainment, limo, | 125.00 |
| | Return to Las Vegas | |
| | To Anaheim, Ex FBI Agents Society Convention, tips, meals, limo, registration | 190.00 |
| | Burning Tree Club - dues and fees | 44.84 |
| Oct. 1-31 | Out of pocket expenses, meals, tips and entertainment | 150.00 |

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RICHARD G. DANNER

EXPENSE ACCOUNT - NOVEMBER 1970

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| Nov. 9 | To Washington D.C. | |
| 10 | Conferences TWA suit - Hayes et al, | |
| 11 | Bauztdler, Clifford et al and Morgan | |
| 12 | Meals, tips, entertainment, limo | 250.00 |
| Nov. 2-4 | To Washington D.C. - Conference TWA | |
| | suite, Morgan, Hayes, Perkins, | |
| | Clifford et al: | |
| | Meals, tips, limo | 150.00 |
| Nov. 5 | Return to Las Vegas | |

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EXPENSE STATEMENT - RICHARD G. DANNERJUNE 1970.

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| June 1 - 5 | Tips | 6.00 |
| | Cab Fares | 7.50 |
| | Meals | 15.00 |
| June 7 -9 | To Dayton, Ohio and Return | |
| | Cab Fares | 5.00 |
| | Tips | 15.00 |
| | Meals | 12.50 |
| June 10, | Tips | 2.00 |
| June 15 | Las Vegas Convalescent Center | 47.50 |
| June 22 | Internatimonal Hotel Opening | |
| | Perry Como Show: Tips | 5.00 |
| June 23 | Gasoline - paid cash | 6.40 |
| June 1-30 | Purchase of food and supplies for entertainment of guests in suite | 65.00 |
| June 30 | Burning Tree Club - dues | 99.66 |

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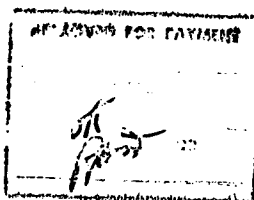
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RICHARD G. DANNER - EXPENSE ACCOUNT - MAY 1970

| | | |
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| May 1 | Attending special party - Stardust opening -tips | \$25.00 |
| May 2-3 | Tips and lunch | 23.50 |
| May 5 | Attending Nev. Resort Assoc. Mtg. Tropicana Hotel. Mtg. in Mayor's office re Mesbic. Tips and cab fares | 17.00 |
| May 6 | Apollo 13 - entertainment and tips | 20.00 |
| May 7 | Diana Ross and Jerry Vale opening tips | 15.00 |
| May 8-19 | Tips and misc. out of pocket expenses | 50.00 |
| May 25-28 | Motor trip, Ely, Elko and intermediate stops. Checking hotels, casinos, entertainment, etc: | |
| | Rooms | 25.00 |
| | Meals and tips | 50.00 |
| | Gas (Cash) | 20.00 |
| May 30. | Astronauts party - tips | 20.00 |
| | | <hr/> 265.50 |
| | Payment to Las Vegas Convalescent Center | 631.90 |
| | Laundry and dry cleaning - paid cash | 88.00 |
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| | TOTAL | 985.40 <i>W</i> |

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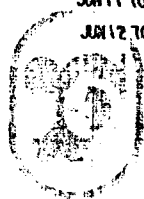
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DANNER EXHIBIT NO. 6

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R.D. DANNER'S

APRIL EXPENSE ACCOUNT

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| April 1 - 12 | Tips | 27.00 |
| April 13 | To Dallas for opening of new office. Tips & Misc. | 15.00 |
| April 14 | To Fort Worth - calling on business contacts. Meals, Tips | 50.00 |
| April 15 | Dallas contacts -Sales office Meals, tips and cab fares | 100.00 |
| April 16 | Meals, tips and cab fares | 75.00 |
| April 17 | Return Las Vegas, meals, tips and cab fares | 75.00 |
| April 18-19 | Tips, entertainment Ed Morgan | 30.00 |
| April 20-21 | Tips | 3.00 |
| April 22 | Dinner and tips, Ed Morgan | 12.00 |
| April 23 | Tips | 2.00 |
| April 24 | To Washington D.C. Tips and misc. | 12.00 |
| April 25-26 | Burning Tree Tournament, tips tips, dinner (Vessels, Bagnell) | 20.00 55.00 |
| April 27 | Entertainment lunch, (Webb, MacCartie, Flanagan, Shannon) | 17.00 |
| April 28 | Return Las Vegas, Tips and limo. expenses | 120.00 |
| April 29 | L.V. Convalescent Center | 631.90 |
| April 30 | Laundry and dry cleaning (three weeks) | 80.85 |
| April | April dues for Burning Tree | 74.95 |

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Expense Acct - Apr 1970

TIPS

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| 4/1-12 | 2700 | 27 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/13 | To Dallas Tex for printing new sales off. | |
| | Tips & Misc | 15 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/14 | To Fort Worth - calling on business contacts | |
| | Meals & Tips | 50 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/15 | Dallas contacts - sales office - meals & tips | |
| | Cab fares | 100 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/16 | Meals, Tips, C. & J. Jones - | 75 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/17 | Return Las Vegas - meals, Tips, cab fares | 75 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/18-19 | Tips, entertainment - Ed Morgan | 30 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/20-21 | Tips | 3 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/22 | Dinner & Tips - Ed Morgan & J. | 12 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/23 | Tips | 2 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/24 | To W. & D.C. Tips & Misc. | 12 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/25-26 | Running Time to tournament. Tips, etc. | 20 ⁰⁰ |
| | Dinner, (Hanks, Baggett, Webb) | 55 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/27 | Entertainment lunch - (Webb, MacLure, Morgan, Shamrock) | 17 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/28 | Return Las Vegas - Tips & Limo Expenses | 120 ⁰⁰ |
| 4/29 | L.V. Conchagua St. Center | 631 ⁸⁵ |
| 4/30 | Cash on hand - 3 checks | 80 ⁰⁰ |

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Expenditures - March 1970

Mar 1-17 Tips, parking & miscellaneous, 101.00
 during strike

Mar 18-21 To Washington D.C. - Miami & return
 meals, transportation, tips -
 Conferences with Atty. Gen. L. Pomeroy
 Ed. Morgan, Tom Webb, ^{Miami} _{Beach} } 460.00

Mar 22-31 ^{31st} C. Mandel & family - guest hotel 82.00
 5646.00

March 22-31 to Los Angeles & return
 for Mrs. Pomeroy & children 623.62
 Total 1227.62

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DANNER EXHIBIT NO. 8

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REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT

TO ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:

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NAME Richard G. Danner

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____

REMARKS Expenses Jan 1970Expenses Feb 1970DATE 3/27/70AMOUNT # 1,348.90CHARGE 58565

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Expenses - Re Travel Expenses
Month of January 1970

Feb. 1-2 Tips 3.00

Feb 3-5 To Miami Fla & Nassau, B.B. ?

Wash. D.C. to Las Vegas -

Contract with Ch. DeLoe - Tips 9.00

re TWA suit, Air West with meals &

Entertainment 125.00

Jan 6-8 Entertaining J. S. Puga's wife 17.00

Feb 9-21 Tips & miscellaneous expenses 36.00

Feb 13 - Payment to Las Vegas Convalescent Center 631.80

Feb 23-26 To Wash DC - & return

Conferences with Atty General }

Tips & meals 120.00

Tips 7.00

Feb 27-28

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Expense Report - Rec. and Disbursements -

Month of January 1970

Jan 1 - 3

Taxis -

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To New York City - TWA lawsuit -

Taxis

50.00

Meals

10.00

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To Wash. D.C. for conference at

+ 10

SEC (Dunes Hotel), Atty. Genl.

~~Atty. Genl. Dinner~~

Taxis

57.00

Meals

35.00

Entertaining Comm. Hurling, SEC and

Sherman D. Wood, Atty

135.00

Jan. 18-21

Taxis & Miscellaneous expenses

22.00

Jan 22

TO Wash. D.C. & return

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Atty. General - Dunes Hotel

Ex. Bureau - Atty

Taxis

15.00

Meals & Entertainment

47.50

Taxis

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Cab Fare

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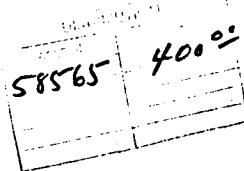
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DECEMBER 1969 -

EXPENSE VOUCHER

RICHARD G. DANNER

DEC. 1-31

Tips 130⁰⁰

Dec 2 - To Mexico City - Air Credit Card used

Dec. 3 - Return Las Vegas -

Meals + Misc. 45⁰⁰

Entertainment -

U.S. Senators Cannon + Muskie 25⁰⁰

Ed Morgan 10⁰⁰

(Ted King) Hotel Guest 25⁰⁰

Purchase of Las Vegas Country

Football tickets for
distribution to hotel employees

5 games @ \$40 per game 200⁰⁰

Payment to Las Vegas Convalescent Center

for board + room - Mrs. Lucy Dickey 605⁰⁰

1040⁰⁰

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Richard G. Danner

| DISBURSATION | |
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| 58565 | 435 ⁰⁰ |
| 58577 | 605 ⁰⁰ |
| | <u>1040⁰⁰</u> |

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| * ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF TICKET(S) AND/OR COUPONS FOR RELATED CHARGES DESCRIBED HEREON. PAYMENT IN FULL TO BE MADE WHEN BILLED OR IN EXTENDED PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD POLICY OF COMPANY ISSUING CARD AND AS REFLECTED IN APPLICABLE TARIFF. | | UNIVERSAL CREDIT CARD CHARGE FORM AMERICAN AIRLINES, 001 | | DATE AND PLACE OF ISSUE 31 AUG 79 3 6 9 12 | |
| NAME OF PASSENGER IF OTHER THAN CARDHOLDER <i>Richard Ganner</i> | | STATE NO. AA | | 1. CARDHOLDER COPY IF EXTENDED PAYMENT DESIRE, CIRCLE NO. OF MONTHS | |
| COMPLETE ROUTING DAL-JFK-LAS F/L | | CONNECTION OF PASSENGER WITH SUBCARRIER NO CASH REFUNDS | | APPROVAL CODE CREDIT CARD NAME/CODE FORM OF CREDIT | |
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| TOTAL 292.00 | | MONTHS CREDIT 1 | | 01504887515658920 | |

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| DATE SOLD 31 AUG 79 | | RATE OF EXCHANGE 1 | | AMOUNT IN CONTRACTOR'S CURRENCY 174.00 | |
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DANNER EXHIBIT No. 10

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2/21/73

\$400.00

TO THE
ORDER OF

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RICHARD DANNER
SANDS HOTEL-EXECUTIVE OFC.
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89109

THE SANDS HOTEL — GENERAL ACCOUNT

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FOURTH STREET
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VALLEY BANK
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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

SANDS HOTEL, 3355 LAS VEGAS BLVD. SO. 89109

DO NOT CHANGE OR ALTER

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REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT

TO ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:

DATE Feb. 19, 1973

PLEASE DRAW CHECK PAYABLE TO:

NAME RICHARD G. DANNER

AMOUNT \$400.00

ADDRESS Sands Hotel

CHARGE Sands 4th PRO-AM

CITY

CHECK NO.

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PAID

REMARKS Please draw \$400 and charge to Casino for Mr. R. G. Danner's
participation in the Sands 4th Annual Pro-Am;

ARCHIE E. LOVELAND, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

REQUESTED BY

A.E. Loveland

AUDITOR'S APPROVAL

KAYCO FORM NO. 1204

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TO: *J. H. J. G. Jansen*

| ACCT. NO. | AMOUNT | ACCT. NO. | AMOUNT |
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RESORT HOTEL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - 89109

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Nº 018600

DATE

AMOUNT

PAY

11/18/71

\$150.00

TO THE
ORDER OF

THE SANDS HOTEL — GENERAL ACCOUNT

FOURTH STREET
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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

RICHARD DANNER
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LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89109

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Inter Department Correspondence

To: Chick Hirsch
From: Richard G. Danner
Subject: Expense Account - October, 1971

Date November 16, 1971

Out of pocket expenses including tips, parking, cab fares,
food purchases for Spring Mountain Ranch (not stocked by
Hotel), entertaining VIP guests, public officials, Company
attorneys on official business.

\$150.00

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DANNER EXHIBIT No. 12



A HUGHES
RESORT HOTEL
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - 89109

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PAY

DATE

AMOUNT

10/27/71

\$539.50

TO THE
ORDER OF

RICHARD DANNER
SANDS HOTEL-EXECUTIVE OFC.
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89109

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Inter Department Correspondence

To: Chick Hirsch
 From: Richard Danner *[Signature]*
 Subject: Expense Account - July, August, September - 1971

Date October 21, 1971July, 1971

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| Tips | 139.00 | |
| Breakfast - L.A. Meeting | 4.50 | |
| Lunch - Staff Meeting | 5.00 | |
| TOTAL | | 148.50 |

August, 1971

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| Tips | 155.00 | |
| Cab Fares | 6.00 | |
| TOTAL | | 161.00 |

September, 1971

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| Tips | 135.00 | |
| Dinner | 10.00 | |
| Food purchase - Krupp Ranch | 10.00 | |
| <u>Golf Tournament</u> | | |
| Tips and out of pocket expenses | 75.00 | |
| TOTAL | | <u>230.00</u> |

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| July, August, September Total | <u>539.50</u> |
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DANNER EXHIBIT No. 13

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHER

CHECK

2434

February 21, 1959

VOUCHER No. 69-2-120

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

Richard Danner

\$ 1,547.61

EXHIBIT 1547-06103

HUGHES TOOL COMPANY - NEVADA GENERAL OFFICE

| DESCRIPTION | NET AMOUNT |
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| 2/19/59 Expenses Incurred from December 5, 1958 to February 11, 1959. | 1,547.61 |

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THE ATTACHED PAPERS ARE REFERRED . . .

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ANSWER, SENDING ME COPY OF YOUR LETTER ☐PREPARE REPLY FOR MY SIGNATURE ☐

REMARKS:

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HUGHES TOOL COMPANY

Inter-Department Correspondence

To: Gen. E. Nigro
 From: Richard G. Danner
 Subject: Expenses.

Date: February 19, 1969

I am attaching hereto receipts for expenses during my several visits to Las Vegas for interview with you et al.

The first trip, you may recall, came about when Ed Morgan called me in Miami asking me to get in touch with H.N.O. with reference to an interview out here. This trip was made on December 5, 1968. However, I seem to have misplaced the voucher for the air travel, National Airlines - Miami to Las Vegas.

The second trip was January 5, 1969 following the suggestion that I return to Las Vegas and bring Mrs. Danner with me in order that she could see the place. Vouchers for air travel are attached hereto.

On January 27, I returned again to Las Vegas at Bob Maheu's request at which time arrangements were finalized. Vouchers for this travel are included.

February 11, I travelled from Washington to Las Vegas for the final trip and, as you know, am still here.

If this submission is not in order please let me know.

RGD/ms

Rich
 Richard Danner
 Managing Director

Enc:

Bob Morgan - by hand
Would you please take
a... of this.
Thanks
RD

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| Dec. 5, 1968 | Cab Fare Hotel Key Biscayne to Airport | 9.50 |
| | National Airlines - Miami to Las Vegas | 186.90 |
| Dec. 6, 1968 | Meals and Tips | 11.50 |
| Dec. 7, 1968 | Meals and Tips | 12.00 |
| Dec. 8, 1968 | TWA to Washington D.C. (Coach) | 148.05 |
| | Tip | 2.00 |
| | Cab to Residence | 8.50 |
| Jan. 5, 1969 | Cab to Airport | 8.50 |
| | TWA to Las Vegas via Chicago for 2 | 300.30 |
| | Tips | 3.50 |
| Jan. 6, 1969 | Meals and Tips | 32.00 |
| | Cab Fares | 7.50 |
| Jan. 7, 1969 | Meals and Tips | 13.50 |
| | Car Rental | 20.00 |
| Jan. 8, 1969 | Tips and Cab Fares | 10.50 |
| | TWA to Washington D.C. | 263.41 |
| | Cab to Residence | 8.50 |
| | Tips | 2.00 |
| Jan. 27, 1969 | Cab to Airport | 3.50 |
| | Braniff - Washington D.C. to Las Vegas | 300.30 |
| | and return to D.C. | |
| | Tips | 2.00 |
| Jan. 28, 1969 | Cab Fares | 1.50 |
| | Meals and Tips | 10.00 |
| Jan. 29, 1969 | TWA Las Vegas to Washington D.C. (Return Portion) | |
| | Cab Fare to Airport | 3.50 |
| | Tips | 2.00 |
| | Cab to Residence | 8.50 |
| Feb. 11, 1969 | Cab to Bus Terminal | 2.50 |
| | Limo to Baltimore | 3.50 |
| | United - Washington to Las Vegas | 150.15 |
| | Excess Baggage | 10.00 |
| | Tips | 2.00 |

TOTAL \$1,547.61

*Paid \$2,000.00
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UNITED AIR LINES, INC.

ON-LINE EXCESS BAGGAGE TICKET

PASSENGER'S COUPON

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BAGGAGE

\$ 10.00

EXCESS VALUATION CANNOT BE DECLARED FOR CERTAIN CHECKED VALUABLE ITEMS SUCH AS JEWELRY, NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS, CURRENCY AND ANTIQUES.

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DANNER EXHIBIT No. 14

March 17, 1970

Mr. C. G. Rebozo
Bank of Key Biscayne
Key Biscayne, Fla.

Dear Bebe:

I am attaching hereto a five page memorandum addressed to "Whom it may Concern" and a two page digest of the former as per our conversation.

It occurs to me that the A.E.C., by continuing to conduct underground tests, is moving into the realm of the unknown, with the resultant danger that should the A.E.C. have miscalculated, catastrophic effects could ensue. For example, should an earthquake be generated, which along with the natural devastating effects of an earthquake, would also break open the sealed underground chambers causing the latter to release the stored up radioactive materials into the underground water system, as well as into the atmosphere, the damage could be incalculable.

I think everyone realizes, by the same token, that there are probably great and over-riding reasons stemming from our national security requirements that may dictate that these tests continue even if there are serious risks that have to be taken.

If it is possible on your part, I would sincerely appreciate having a scientific explanation as to why these fears of earthquakes or contamination are groundless, or a simple explanation that our national existence is dependant upon our ability to further develop and refine our nuclear capabilities.

Sincere personal wishes,

Richard G. Danner
Managing Director

RGD/ms

Enc.

DANNER EXHIBIT NO. 15

November 11, 1969

Mr. C. G. Rebozo
Bank of Key Biscayne
Key Biscayne
Florida.

Dear Bebe:

Enclosed herewith are the news releases etc.,
pertaining to John Meier, together with a memorandum
on the same subject which I discussed with you.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Danner
Managing Director

RGD/ms

Enclosures

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